

Gentlemen There Is Nothing Before The House--Legislators

Charlotte, Through its City Attorney, Has Never Drawn Any Bill For the Consideration of The Legislators.

Regular Semi-monthly Meeting of The Board Will be Held To-night, But Nothing of Bond Issue is Said.

Expressed into brief expression, the much agitated bond question in Charlotte may be aptly put thus:

There is nothing before the house, gentlemen.

First, for the board of aldermen have not followed precedent and drafted any bill for legislative action.

Nothing in the shape of a bill, drawn by the city attorney at the instance of the city fathers, has been received in Raleigh where laws are made and unmade.

Legislators at Home. Senator H. N. Pharr was asked today for an interview and, while ostensibly talking on matters in which he is not interested.

General Revenue Bill. Speaking of equalization of taxation, Senator Pharr said he understood something would be done along this line when the general state revenue bill was presented.

Board Meets Tonight. In regular semi-monthly session the board of aldermen will meet tonight in the council chamber.

Where is This Man? By Associated Press. Rome, Feb. 13.—A railroad engineer living in Villa Marafacra, the seat of the American academy, upon returning to Rome today, was shown a picture of Henry Lawrence Wolfe.

Big Bond Issue. London, Feb. 13.—Subscriptions for the \$5,000,000 Kansas City Southern Railway refunding and improvement mortgage 5 per cent gold bonds closed at noon today, having been largely oversubscribed.

Speech of U. S. Senator Curtiss

By Associated Press. Washington, D. C., Feb. 13.—As one of the senators from Kansas, Senator Curtiss today addressed the senate in opposition to the revised resolution proposing to submit to the states a constitutional amendment for the election of senators by direct vote.

I strongly favor the joint resolution to provide for the election of senators by direct vote of the people," said Senator Curtiss.

After the war was over, in order to meet new conditions the Constitution was amended and the 15th amendment declares that the "right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any state on account of race, color or previous condition of servitude."

Discrimination in Rates is Charged. By Associated Press. Washington, D. C., Feb. 13.—Discrimination in the rates and regulations of railroads against the city of Memphis, is alleged in a petition filed today with the interstate commerce commission.

The complaint was instituted by the Memphis and Hay Association against the St. Louis and San Francisco Railroad and 122 other carriers operating in the states of Alabama, Arkansas, Georgia, Florida, Iowa, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina and Tennessee.

GOVERNMENT VETO BILL TO BE INTRODUCED.

By Associated Press. London, Feb. 13.—Premier Asquith announced in the house of commons today that he would introduce the government's veto bill next Monday.

Mrs. Hill Released. New York, Feb. 13.—The prison sentence of three days in the Tombs imposed last Friday upon Mrs. Roberta Menges-Corwin-Hill, divorced wife of Capt. Arthur Hill, of the British army who pleaded guilty to a charge of smuggling, expired and she was released.



A. P. CORRESPONDENT WAS WITH INSURRECTOS

Mulata, Mexico, via Presidio, Texas, Feb. 9, via Marfa, Tex., Feb. 12.—In the recent fight near here between Mexican federalists and the insurrectos under General Ortega, in which the former were forced to retreat, an Associated Press correspondent was with the insurrectos.

A dramatic incident followed the discovery of the four murdered men. A government soldier had been found with his hands tied behind his back.

The battle started at 10 o'clock on February 7th and lasted until 9 o'clock the night of the 8th.

Where is Albert Frazier? Columbus, O., Feb. 13.—Albert Frazier, of Cleveland, up for 15 years for larceny and burglary was found hiding in the bolt shop of the Ohio penitentiary this morning following an all night search.

Ad Men Clubs. Des Moines, Feb. 13.—The Ad Men Clubs of Iowa are holding a state convention in this city today.

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BRYAN FAVORS RECIPROcity AGREEMENT

New Orleans, Feb. 13.—In urging the early ratification by congress of the Canadian reciprocity agreement, William Jennings Bryan, before leaving New Orleans last night for Montgomery, Ala., made it plain that he regarded this as the most important question to come before the national legislators during the present session.

Ship Subsidy Problem. Washington, Feb. 13.—After many months of investigation the hearings of a special house committee to probe into charges of the existence of lobbying in the interest of ship subsidy legislation in congress closed today.

Presidential Yacht Sails. Cape Haytien, Haiti, Feb. 13.—The presidential yacht Nord Alexis, returned here yesterday and after taking on troops, arms and ammunition, sailed again last night for Fort Liberty, the district where the insurrectos made their last stand.

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HENDERSON IS NOT CANDIDATE FOR MAYORALTY

"I am not a candidate for mayor. I thank my good friends who have honored me by suggesting my name, but I cannot consent to enter the race.

That Mayor Hawkins will have opposition in the May election, however, is an assertion made often on the streets by those who are closely affiliated with the political situation in the city.

Government Finishes in the Bath Tub Case. Washington, Feb. 13.—Failing to secure the dismissal of the criminal indictment against them, the defendants in the government's action against the so-called bath tub trust will resist government's civil suit and begin their defense at Pittsburg tomorrow.

Death of John W. Harrison. Frankfort, Ind., Feb. 13.—John W. Harrison, 93, the last Indiana delegate to the Pittsburg convention which organized the republican party, is dead at his home here.

Census Figures. Washington, Feb. 13.—Population statistics of the 13th census announced today included Carrollton, Ga., 3,297 in 1910 against 1,998 in 1900.

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Reciprocity Bill Considered By Congress To-day

General Pension Bill Reported

By Associated Press. Washington, Feb. 13.—By a vote of 8 to 3, the senate committee on pensions today agreed to report to the senate the Sulloway general pension bill, which already has passed the House.

As passed by the house the Sulloway bill would increase the monthly pension of veterans of 62 years from \$12 to \$15; of 65 years from \$12 to \$20; of 70 years from \$15 to \$25, and from 70 or more from \$20 to \$36.

As there are estimated to be \$63,461 veterans who would be affected by this amendment at the present time, the change would decrease the annual cost a little more than \$4,500,000.

Its friends do not anticipate an easy time passing the measure through the senate, especially as it has been intimated President Taft would veto it if it were presented to him for his signature.

Special to The News. Raleigh, Feb. 13.—The house engaged in a spirited debate on the Ewart bill for legislative control of trusts in North Carolina.

New Bills. Carr, of Durham: Providing a commission government for cities by ballot adoption.

Local Measures. Following a long speech by Mr. Ewart supporting his resolution for an investigation of the conduct of trusts in North Carolina, there was a vote on second reading with little discussion by democrats.

Funeral of Bishop Whitaker. Philadelphia, Feb. 13.—The funeral of the Rt. Rev. W. Whitaker, bishop of the Protestant Episcopal diocese of Pennsylvania, was held today.

Col. J. S. Harper Dead. Bloomington, Ill., Feb. 13.—Col. J. S. Harper, civil war veteran and newspaper publisher, died today, aged 78 years.

Five Killed in Explosion. Hazleton, B. C., Feb. 13.—Five men were killed and two injured as the result of a premature explosion in a small tunnel at Kitzelza, B. C., yesterday.

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Important Administration Bill Providing Tariff Treaty Between United States And Canada Taken Up in The House.

It Was Stated at 2:30 O'clock That Vote Would Not Be Taken To-day—The Fight On.

The house, by a vote of 195 to 121 decided today to begin immediate consideration of the McCall bill, carrying out the reciprocity agreement with Canada.

Washington, Feb. 13.—The bill is first being considered as in committee of the whole house on the state of the union.

In the earlier proceedings Mr. Cannon, by recognizing McCall and declaring his motion to take up the reciprocity bill a privileged matter had shown a disposition to help the cause along to a vote, despite the sentiment against reciprocity which he expressed in a letter to the Illinois legislature on Saturday.

Representative Hill, of Connecticut, one of the republican members of the committee on ways and means, was recognized for one hour in support of the reciprocity agreement. He explained the measure in great detail.

"Come over on this side," suggested Representative Fitzgibbon, of New York, a democrat, "We'll listen to you this is where you'll get your votes."

Analysis of the vote to take up the McCall bill showed this result: For—Republicans 60; democrats 134 total 194.

Against—Republicans 101; democrats 20; total 121.

Objection was made by members of the District of Columbia committee, this being district day on the house calendar.

No Vote Today. At 2:30 o'clock it was stated that no attempt would be made to get the measure to a vote today.

Reciprocity Banquet. Chicago, Feb. 13.—Reciprocal trade agreements between Canada and the United States will be supported at the reciprocity banquet to be given here Wednesday night by the Association of Commerce, at which James J. Hill and Secretary of State Knox will speak.

Three Cent Rate Bill. By Associated Press. Austin, Tex., Feb. 13.—Senator Watson's bill prohibiting railroads from charging over 3 cents per mile to passengers who have failed to buy a ticket was passed by the senate today. It now goes to the house.