

POLITICAL POT NOW BOILING AT CAPITAL AS SOLONS COME IN

Opening of General Assembly on Wednesday Draws to State Capital Many Leading Politicians of State.

HARR PRACTICALLY CERTAIN OF POST

Will Be Chosen Speaker of House—Senate President Pro Tem Has Not Been Decided Upon, However.

Raleigh, Jan. 5.—The political pot is boiling here today as legislators were waiting for the opening of the general assembly on Wednesday. Edgar W. Pharr, of Charlotte, prospective speaker of the House, arrived last night. He will talk about the lobbies today developed new legislation which will come up for consideration. Most of the early arrivals were concerned mostly about the financing of the educational and road building programs and the question of enlarged appropriations. The senate president pro tem opening is causing a great deal of discussion today. Only two names had been mentioned as probable candidates, but it was indicated that either had lined up no considerable support. They were Senator Sumner Engstrom, of Jackson, and Paul Grady, of Keweenaw. The situation appeared definitely settled in the house with Edgar W. Pharr the only candidate for speaker. Inaugural plans were beginning to take shape today but their final formulation must await appointment of special house and senate committees. It appeared, however, that the incoming governor, Angus W. McLean, would take the oath of office on January 14th, it being administered by Chief Justice Hoke, of the Supreme Court. Mr. McLean will arrive here from Lumberton on a special train the morning of inauguration.

Assembly Will Be Marked By Sanity and Conservatism.

Charlotte, Jan. 3.—The 1925 session of the North Carolina general assembly will go down in history as a legislature marked by sanity and conservatism, according to Edgar W. Pharr, of this city, who is slated to be selected for the speakership of the house at the Democratic caucus to be held in Raleigh Tuesday night. However, Mr. Pharr pointed out, the legislature will make just as liberal a response to the imperatives of progress as the financial structure of the commonwealth will permit. Mr. Pharr committed himself, by inference, to support only legislation tending towards the strictest economy. He declared that the legislature would not vote, at the most, more than \$25,000,000 in bonds for continuing the state's highway program, will deal with requests of state institutions for appropriations as liberally as possible in view of the state's financial condition and will refuse to consider returning to the old valorem plan of taxation for raising state revenues and also will refuse to consider the proposed sales tax. Enough taxes will be levied to raise revenue sufficient for the state to live within its income, he declared. The legislature this year will be manned by men who are conversant with the financial situation of the state, who are conservatively minded, but who are not reactionaries, he said. The people of the state, Mr. Pharr said, want a halt in bonded indebtedness and he promised that the legislature this year will be extremely critical of all requests for money.

Leader of Peasants' Party Arrested.

Belgrade, Serbia, Jan. 5 (By the Associated Press).—Stefan Radich, leader of the Croatian peasants' party, was arrested this morning in a secret room at the home of Deputy Kocoutitch and taken to Zagreb prison.

George T. Morgan Dead.

Philadelphia, Jan. 5.—George T. Morgan, engraver at the mint here for forty-eight years, died at his home here yesterday. He was 79 years old. He became ill a week ago.

ISSUES BENCH WARRANT FOR GASTON B. MEANS

Warrant Issued in New York City by Federal Judge Lindley, of Illinois.

New York, Jan. 5.—Federal Judge Lindley, of Illinois, today issued a bench warrant for the arrest of Gaston B. Means, former department of justice agent, when he failed to appear in court with his attorney Thomas B. Felder, and his secretary Elmer W. Jarnecke for trial on a charge of conspiracy to obstruct justice. The warrant was issued on request of Special Assistant Attorney General Todd, after he had produced a telegram from Dr. Joe A. Hartsell, of Concord, N. C., stating that Means was too ill to start for New York today. Mr. Todd told the court that Means had been under surveillance by government operative since his conviction for conspiracy to violate the prohibition law last summer, and that these agents had reported to him last Friday that Means was in good health. No attorney appeared in court for Means, although his co-defendants, Felder and Jarnecke were represented. The charges against the three grew out of an alleged conspiracy to bribe the department of justice officials to maintain a hands-off policy regarding the sale of the stock by the Crager system and the Glass Casket Company.

Later Jarnecke appeared in court and announced that he desired to change his plea to guilty. He told Judge Lindley who came here from Danville, Ill., to conduct the trial, that he was without funds, and wanted the court to appoint an attorney to represent him. This was done. It was understood that Jarnecke would be a witness for the government.

An inquiry by a reporter of The Tribune this afternoon brought the information that Mr. Means had been confined to his bed since Saturday night. Dr. Hartsell stated to a reporter that Mr. Means had been suffering with gall stones for four weeks, and that he had advised an operation.

M. P. CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD IN HIGH POINT

Ministers and Young People Will Hold Joint Meetings There This Summer.

High Point, Jan. 3.—Committees in session here this week decided to hold a joint summer conference of pastors and young people of the North Carolina Methodist Protestant denomination at High Point next June. Heretofore the young people's conference has been held at Weaverville each year, while the pastors have held their sessions at the Methodist Protestant Children's Home in this city. It was declared by the committees that it would be advantageous to hold both conferences together. The pastors will open their meeting on the night of June 15, continuing through noon on June 16. The conference of young people will begin June 16 and will continue through June 20th. The committee in charge of arrangements for the gathering hope to bring several men of national prominence to the city.

Mayor's Resignation Accepted by Aldermen.

Hendersonville, Jan. 3.—In the shortest session ever held by the board of aldermen of this city, the board this afternoon accepted without comment the resignation of Mayor Sam Y. Bryson. Mayor Bryson's resignation was tendered as a result of a personal encounter he had with B. L. Brooks, a local barber, last Saturday and the subsequent filing of a suit by Brooks against Bryson charging him with alienation of the affections of plaintiff's wife. Mayor pro tem W. R. Kirk automatically became chief executive of the city upon acceptance of Mayor Bryson's resignation. In his letter to the board the Mayor asked the citizenship of the city to withhold comment upon his case until trial of it. He is said to have declined a settlement of the case out of court and his attorneys indicate that he will fight the case and will return to this city to live. He has been in Asheville since the trouble occurred.

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The University of Pennsylvania baseball team has scheduled twenty-eight games for next season.

MRS. ROSS BECOMES GOVERNOR OF STATE IN BRIEF CEREMONY

For First Time In History of Nation Woman Takes Oath of Office as Governor—Succeeds Her Dead Husband.

NO INAUGURAL RECEPTION HELD

Mrs. Ross Asked For Quiet Ceremony Out of Respect to Memory of Her Husband Who Died 4 Months Ago.

Cheyenne, Wyo., Jan. 5 (By the Associated Press).—The reins of government of Wyoming today passed to the hands of a woman, America's first female governor.

Mrs. Nellie Taylor Ross, swept into office at the November election by a plurality of 10,000, planned to receive her oath of office at noon, clad in mourning for her husband, W. R. Ross, who died recently from the executive chair four months ago, and to retire immediately to the seclusion of the Governor's mansion. The senate chamber was thrown open to the public, but Mrs. Ross requested that there be none of the carnival atmosphere which heretofore has surrounded the inauguration of a Governor. Even the customary gubernatorial reception was dispensed with.

Mrs. Ross, in a statement made when she took the oath, dedicated her efforts to the state "relying upon Divine help for strength and guidance."

ROVAN METROPOLIS SHOWS BIG GROWTH

Fire Loss For 1924 Less Than Preceding Year—New Equipment Responsible.

Salisbury, Jan. 3.—During the year that has just closed Salisbury built more than 200 homes according to the record of City Engineer E. W. Cole. The total of buildings of all kinds within the city limits was a little over one million dollars. This included a number of business houses and additions to houses already occupied. Just outside of the city limits there has been considerable building which is not included in the above total.

HALE AND LEAK ARE ELECTROCUTED AT PRISON

Pay With Lives For Murder of Charlie Garwood, Lexington Taxi Driver. John Hale and Kenneth Leak, who were electrocuted today at the State Prison for the murder of Charlie Garwood, white taxi cab driver of Lexington, N. C., last August 7th. Both negroes had confessed to participation in the crime some time ago, but each blamed the other for the actual killing. Hale went to the death chamber first and was seated in the chair at 10:25 o'clock. The 1800 volts of electricity passed through his body four times before he was pronounced dead. Leak was immediately brought into the chamber and at 10:37 o'clock the current was turned on. Two shocks of less than a minute each were necessary for Leak before he was pronounced dead.

THE COTTON MARKET

Opened Steady at Unchanged Prices to Advance of 8 Points.

New York, Jan. 5.—The cotton market opened steady today at unchanged prices to an advance of 8 points on the fairly steady showing of Liverpool and a further advance in Sterling exchange, but soon turned easier. Except for slight trade buying and covering, little support was in evidence and prices worked off from 24.15 to 23.76 for March and from 24.45 to 24.10 for May before the end of the first hour, under liquidation and Southern and Wall Street selling. These prices represented net declines of about 30 to 37 points. While there were moderate rallies, the tone of the market was unsettled, owing to increased offerings from the South. Cotton futures opened steady, Jan. 23.85; March 24.13; May 24.44; July 24.60; Oct. 25.88.

Southern Settles Suit by Paying \$6,000.

Greensboro, Jan. 5.—The Southern railway today settled with the estate of J. D. Powell of Abokkie, who was killed in a crossing accident here Christmas day, paying his father six thousand dollars. It was a compromise. Mr. Powell was killed when his automobile was struck by a Southern passenger train. The crossing watchman, W. H. Andrews, was given a hearing on a charge of manslaughter, but was able to prove that the gates were let down upon approach of the train.

Robber Confesses and Large Part of Loot is Recovered.

Chicago, Jan. 3.—George Connell, arrested in connection with \$200,000 jewel robbery at the fashionable Parkway hotel Christmas eve, confessed today that he had been one of the hold-up men. Information he furnished, the police stated, will lead to the recovery of virtually all the loot. In an attempt to forestall premature release of Connell, several victims, including Mrs. Fannie Bell Wood, daughter of Major General Bell, signed a warrant charging him with robbery.

It's about as hard for a man to keep a diary as for a woman to keep a sharp lead pencil.

Vanguard of General Assembly Arriving in Raleigh at Present

Raleigh, Jan. 4.—The vanguard of the general assembly was arriving here tonight for the session which will formally open Wednesday at noon with many legislative matters of importance before it. Early arrivals included many outstanding figures of both the senate and the house. Among those due to arrive tonight was Edgar W. Pharr, who it is almost certain will be named as speaker of the house. Although the 1925 session will not open until Wednesday the actual preliminary parliamentary skirmishes will get under way Tuesday night when both the senate and house will hold caucuses. The immediate business before the senate will be the naming of a president pro tem while the house will be engaged in the electing of a speaker. Numerous names had been mentioned today and tonight for the senate opening but there seemed to be no definite crystallization of opinion. On the other hand, it seemed fairly well established, unless unforeseen developments take place. At the caucus it is expected that forces of both upper and lower bodies will formulate policies to be followed out during the coming session. The legislature will face a mass of reports and recommendations from various committees which will report to the body. Among these are the prison commission, the bus regulation commission, the budget commission, the state constabulary commission, North Carolina national park commission, financial educational investigating committee, and the budget commission. It also will have before it the biennial reports of the various departments of the state government and the reports of the educational and charitable institutions of the state.

The report of the budget commission will not be available, according to present information, before the first week in February. The commission is faced with cutting sharply the requests made by institutions for approximately \$17,000,000 for permanent improvements and approximately \$23,000,000 for maintenance and administration during the biennium. These figures represent great increases over the appropriations recommended for the last biennial period and the commission has announced that for every dollar it recommends be spent, it will show a dollar which will be derived in taxes to handle the expenditure. During the first week of the session, the general assembly probably will hear the final message of Governor Cameron Morrison. The Governor has indicated that his address will be short but he has given no indication of what he will say. Governor-elect Angus W. McLean probably will be inaugurated on January 14, and his inaugural address will be presented to the body.

MRS. HELEN JOURNEY IS REFUSED DIVORCE

Chicago Judge Declares He Believes Professor's Wife Still Loves Him—Is Stubborn.

Chicago, Jan. 3.—Mrs. Helen Journey today denied a divorce from Prof. R. C. Journey, of the State agricultural college, Raleigh, N. C. In announcing his decision, Judge Joseph Sabbath said he believed Mrs. Journey still lived her husband, "but was too stubborn to admit it."

JUDGE SHAW CHARGES CABARRUS COUNTY JURY

Judge Tells Jurors to Use Common Sense in the Hearing of Cases.

In a charge delivered in a very informal and conversational manner, Judge T. J. Shaw pointed out to the Grand Jury this morning that the qualifications of their office required common sense, an honest mind and the courage of convictions. The entire talk was one of plain, common sense, which he urged the jurors to use in determining the merits of the cases presented to them to pass on. Especially important, said Judge Shaw, was the use of common sense. Rules had been devised for the protection of life, limbs and property and the rules had to be enforced. Of course at times there would be a hardship on persons when the rules were enforced, yet there must be a common sense enforcement. The more people there are, the more rules there will have to be. This was brought out in the traffic rules which had to be made for the heavy traffic in the busy section of Concord while in the sparsely settled sections of the county, the same laws would not be needed. Even where there were two people, there had to be rules and where there were many people, there had to be many laws. Judge Shaw urged the jurors to decide whether or not persons were guilty of violating the laws and not to try to pass on the usefulness of laws. It was not the duty of the courts to decide whether they were good or not, it was their duty to punish the offenders. The Grand Jury was urged to do their work in a business like way. They should not, said Judge Shaw, waste time in talking about cases which were obviously true cases. He spoke briefly about the duty of jurors to tell of all the cases they knew and gave a brief summary of the other duties of the grand jury.

ZEB A. DAVIS CHARGED WITH STRIKING WOMAN

Alleged That He Was Driver of Car Which Struck Miss Foy Smith.

High Point, Jan. 5.—Zeb A. Davis, a Winston-Salem insurance man, was arrested by local police last night and released under \$1,000 bond for his appearance for trial at Winston-Salem today charged with assault with a deadly weapon. He is alleged to have been the driver of an automobile which struck and seriously injured Miss Foy Smith, young white woman, late yesterday afternoon at Wauington. The driver is alleged to have failed to stop his automobile after it had knocked the woman down. He drove to High Point where he was caught by the police who had been requested to watch for him. Chief of Police Blackwelder, of High Point, said that Davis admitted that his car struck the young woman. He said that Davis said he failed to stop his automobile "because I was excited."

Death of Mrs. Lizzie Burris.

Mrs. Lizzie Ann Burris, aged 60 years, died at her home on Kerr street early this morning after an illness of several weeks' duration, her death being due to an attack of heart trouble. Mrs. Burris was born and reared in Stanley county, moving to Concord 25 years ago. She joined the Meadow Creek Primitive Baptist Church in early life, later moving her membership to the Concord Primitive Baptist Church. She was a faithful member until ill health forced her to discontinue her church activities. She was married to J. P. Burris on February 5th, 1877, and to this union twelve children were born, eight of whom survive her. They are J. R. W. D., Lee and B. C. Burris, Mrs. J. A. Cauble, Mrs. W. L. Bost, Mrs. Willie Dorton and Miss Ada Burris, all of this city. Funeral services will be held at Meadow Creek Primitive Baptist Church on Wednesday at one o'clock. Rev. Robert Helms, pastor, conducting the services.

Father of Fourteen Adopts Eight More.

Anderson, Jan. 3.—Although the father of 14 children, June M. Sweeney, Anderson county farmer, has undertaken to provide for eight more. Not long ago the mother of five children died, leaving only an invalid father to take care of them, when Mr. Sweeney came to the rescue and took the children to care for and adopt as his own. He had already his daughter-in-law and her child. This makes a family of an even two dozen, but this does not phase Mr. Sweeney at all. He says he believes that the Lord will provide—that is, give him strength and health, as that is all he needs to make them comfortable. It isn't very pleasant to read of indictments in connection with promotion of fraudulent bankruptcies and find that nearly every one of the twenty-five or thirty who were indicted were Jews. It seems that we have some house cleaning to do among ourselves and it is high time that we started it.—Charles H. Joseph, Jewish syndicate writer, in Detroit Jewish Chronicle.

Walter Lee Smith Has Gone to Lake Waccamaw on a Ten Days Fox Hunt.

Walter Lee Smith has gone to Lake Waccamaw on a ten days fox hunt. He recently attended a fox hunt at Seven Springs.

ASSOCIATE JUSTICE MCKENNA'S HEALTH MAKES HIM RESIGN

Resignation of Oldest Member of Supreme Court Has Been Accepted by President, It Is Said.

ADVANCED YEARS MADE HIM FEEBLE

Justice McKenna Had Been Member of Court For Upward of 30 Years—Served On Bench in California.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 5.—The resignation of Associate Justice Joseph McKenna was announced today from the bench of the Supreme Court. By virtue of upward of thirty years' service on the supreme bench, Justice McKenna is the ranking associate justice of the court. He retired because of his advanced age. He is in his 82nd year, and three weeks from today will mark the 27th anniversary of his elevation to the supreme bench by President McKinley. Before that appointment he had served in Congress as a representative from California, and had been a U. S. Circuit court judge under the Harrison administration, and had occupied a place in McKinley's cabinet as Attorney General. His health had been unusually robust for a man of his years and he has applied himself with great vigor to the heavy tasks of the court. Several months ago, however, the death of his wife added an additional weight to his advancing years and he decided to lay aside official cares. It is the general supposition that the retirement of the aged justice will be followed by the appointment of another member of the court from the Pacific coast. One of those mentioned is Secretary Wilbur, of the Navy Department, who before he entered the cabinet was chief justice of the California Supreme Court. Chief Justice Taft in announcing the resignation said it had been accepted by President Coolidge.

SMALL FORTUNE LAY UNNOTICED

Bag of Gold Passed and Repassed by Hundreds for Five Days.

Greensboro, Jan. 5.—Slightly under \$8,000, most of it gold coin, lay in a bag near the Southern Station at Thomasville from Friday, December 26th, until Tuesday, December 30th, before any person noticed it, according to R. L. Lambeth, prominent manufacturer of that city, who told the story here. Northbound Southern passenger train No. 36 has been running in two sections, the first section grabbing the mail at Thomasville with a crane. On December 26th, it is said the heavy sack of coin was placed in a mail sack to be sent from the First National Bank, Thomasville, to the Federal Reserve Bank at Richmond. Perhaps the weight of the coin caused it to drop through the mail sack. Word was sent from another point further north to see if something had not been lost when the mail was scattered, but this word miscarried. On December 30th, Station Agent Pritchett, at Thomasville, while strolling about the station, found the sack of money, with the seal unbroken and it was returned to the Thomasville postal authorities. The valuable bag, within a few feet of the crossing watchman's shanty, within 20 feet of the main street crossing, was passed and repassed by hundreds of people, unnoticed.

FRENCH MEMORANDUM GIVEN TO SEC. HUGHES

Sent to Him for His Personal and Private Information, It Is Said.

Washington, Jan. 5.—The French memorandum regarding payment of France's war debt to the United States was transmitted today by Secretary Hughes to Secretary Mellon for his "personal and private information." Inasmuch as the document was presented by the French finance minister to ambassador Herrick as an unofficial and private communication, State department officials would make no comment on the suggestions embodied in it. They did say, however, that "it was hoped the Clementel memorandum might be made the basis for a follow up."

\$500,000 Fire at Pittsburgh.

Pittsburgh, Pa., Jan. 5.—Twenty firemen were injured, more than a dozen business firms suffered losses, and an entire downtown business block was threatened today when flames swept a ten-story structure on Pennsylvania Avenue, causing damage estimated by the fire chief at \$500,000.

First Woman Governor Installed

Cheyenne, Wyo., Jan. 5.—Extreme simplicity marked today's inauguration of Mrs. Nellie Taylor Ross as governor of Wyoming. The ceremony was performed in the governor's office in the presence of State officials and a limited number of invited guests. The oath of office was administered by Chief Justice Potter of the State supreme court.

WHAT SMITTY'S CAT SAYS

Fair tonight and Tuesday; not much change in temperature.



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