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Prison Conditions Are Discussed By Governor

State Prison to Be Made Regular Department of the State Government—Work Able-Bodied Men.

MESSAGE IS READ TO JOINT SESSION

Infinite Amount of Money Would Be Given for the Prison Under Plan as Advocated by the Governor.

Raleigh, Feb. 23.—Change of the State from a separate corporation to a department of the State government, a provision for working the more able-bodied prisoners on the State highways and roads, and other public works subdivisions, and a request that State prison be placed upon a definite appropriation basis were outstanding items of an address by Governor McLean on prison conditions before the joint assembly today.

The governor did not appear in person to deliver his address, and it was read to a joint session by the reading clerk.

Under the governor's recommendation, improving conditions at the State prison, the institution would be made a department of the state government instead of being a separate corporation. A board of directors would be appointed by the governor quadrennially and would be subject to removal at any time, and vacancies would be filled by the governor.

The new department of the state would operate on an appropriation basis. The proposed executive budget system would be financed on the same basis as other state institutions if Governor McLean's recommendations are followed. The deficit now existing would be taken over by the general state fund, outstanding requests of the institution for \$254,000 for permanent improvements would be granted, the board of directors would be authorized to purchase machinery and ordered to install it at work at which all convicts are employed; and all revenues from the prison would be paid over to the treasury or other objects which could be accomplished if the governor's became law.

The State Highway Commission also would be required to reimburse the general fund for work done by convicts on a Madison county started by the highway, but since taken over by the Highway Commission.

The governor closed his address with a statement that he was having prepared for consideration of the General Assembly covering his recommendation.

Boys in Jail on Serious Charges.

Four boys and Willie Heglar are in county jail today as a result of injury to furnish bond in two charges, one for carrying a dangerous weapon and the other for carrying a dangerous weapon and one for carrying a dangerous weapon.

PEACE PLANS DISCUSSED BY SENATOR SHIPSTEAD

Wants Federal Government to Control All American Banking and Investment Credits in International Field.

Washington, Feb. 23.—Control by the federal government of all American banking and investment credits in the international field was advocated today in the Senate by Senator Shipstead, of Minnesota, the farmer-labor members of the foreign relations committee.

Bull Weevil Thrives in Mississippi Valley.

New York, Feb. 22.—The winter survival of bull weevil in the Mississippi valley was the highest on record for any year since it first appeared in the cotton belt in 1892, according to the American Cotton Association. In a large scale, Colonel Joseph O. Thompson, vice president of the association, warned against the danger of another short cotton crop in 1925, which he said would be due to the producing and manufacturing ends of the industry.

Gov. and Mrs. Morrison Went to Bermuda.

Wilmington, Feb. 23.—Former Governor Cameron Morrison and Mrs. Morrison were among the passengers sailing from Wilmington on Saturday, February 21st, for the Bermuda Islands. They will be away approximately two weeks.

With Our Advertisers.

The J. C. Penny Company has a new ad, today telling of the new spring foot-wear sold at their store. Look it up. Yorke & Wadsworth Co. has a full line of Oliver farming implements. See them.

The new Efid store is offering a wonderful assortment of ladies' new spring coats and dresses.

Read the new ad of the Parks-Belk Co. today. Also be sure to read what the beauty shop in this store has to offer in the way of hair treatment.

Latest Turf Sensation



Presenting Quatrain, sensational three-year-old colt who won the \$25,000 New Orleans Handicap recently. Quatrain, shown with Jockey Eddie Legere up, is eligible for the famous Kentucky Derby, and according to followers of the turf looms as a dangerous contender.

GENERAL HINES HEARD BY AUXILIARY MEMBERS

Chief of Staff Discusses National Defense Problems With Delegates of American Legion Auxiliary.

Washington, Feb. 23.—The war department study of woman's power, three possible solutions of the national defense problems, and some of the difficulties now faced by the regular army were discussed today by Major General John L. Hines, chief of staff, before a George Washington Birthday meeting of the American Legion Auxiliary.

Things women can do in war are being studied by the general staff, Gen. Hines said, not with the idea of "making mighty fighters of our girls or of creating any such things as a woman's battalion of death," but experience has proved, he said, that "there are some tasks that women can perform better than men," and the study was intended to catalogue these to show "how women volunteers of the future may be used to best advantage in order to release men for heavier and more dangerous duties."

Referring to national defense problems, Gen. Hines said there are "Just three possible solutions." The first is to wait until war comes and then pay the full price; the second is to try to prepare hurriedly at great cost and waste when war is imminent; and the third is to build according to a program year by year, which is the only economic and sound way.

TWO MEN ARE KILLED IN MYSTERIOUS FIGHT

Six Others Are Wounded During Gun Battle, the Cause of Which Could Not Be Learned.

MARION, N.Y., Feb. 22.—Two men were killed, including a deputy sheriff, and six others were wounded during a gun battle here today. The cause of the shooting has not been learned.

The dead: Talt Hall, deputy sheriff of Floyd county, and Lewis White.

The wounded: John Hall, town marshal of Wheelwright, Ky.; Steven and John Flannery; Dick Thompson and Norman Collins.

Causes which led to the shooting were veiled in mystery tonight. Authorities declared White and John Hall met the latter was boarding a train here shortly before noon. The men are reported to have exchanged a few words and then to have drawn pistols. White was wounded but he continued to pump bullets at Hall. A few minutes later White fell dead.

The shooting then is reported to have become general. During an exchange of shots among an undetermined number of men, more than 200 shots were fired, according to police reports.

Two versions of the shooting were circulated here tonight. One was that a feud existed between White and the Halls and another was that the Halls were attempting to place White under arrest.

W. J. Simmons Seriously Hurt.

Atlanta, Feb. 21.—W. J. Simmons, of Atlanta, former Imperial Wizard of the Ku Klux Klan, and Norris Moore, of Houston, Texas, Supreme Knight of the Knights of the Flaming Sword which Simmons now heads, were probably fatally injured in an automobile accident last night, twenty miles from Gainesville, Ga., it was learned here today.

Major Gibbs Moves to America.

New York, Feb. 23.—Convinced that "America is the only country to live in during this generation," Major Hamilton Gibbs, author and brother of Sir Philip Gibbs, war correspondent, has given up his British citizenship to become an American.

Senator Spencer Wants Inquiry.

Washington, Feb. 23.—A searching inquiry into charges that he has practiced before federal departments in connection with the fur dyeing industry was invited by Senator Spencer, republican of Missouri, in a letter sent today to Attorney General Stone.

Wood Is In Biarritz

Paris, Feb. 23.—The presence in Biarritz of Osborn C. Wood, son of General Leonard Wood, who disappeared from his apartment here nearly a week ago is confirmed by the Hotel Crillon, which has heard directly from him.

ROBERT FARABOW IS NOT AT STATE PRISON YET

Alleged That Negro Attempted to Attack White Woman of Hillsboro Yesterday.

Raleigh, Feb. 23.—State prison authorities at 10 o'clock this morning indicated that Robert Farabow, a negro arrested to have attempted an attack on a Hillsboro woman yesterday, and reported en route here for safe keeping, had not yet arrived. It is thought probable he was taken to some county jail where he will be considered secure.

KING GEORGE ORDERED TO MEDITERRANEAN WATERS

Condition Not Serious But Physicians Think Trip Will Be Best For Him.

London, Feb. 23 (By the Associated Press).—Although it is known through medical bulletins issued from Buckingham's Palace that King George's condition is not serious as a result of an attack of bronchitis, the fact that physicians have ordered him to the Mediterranean for the remainder of the winter, has caused quite a stir, of which the newspapers take full advantage for front page displays.

His Majesty's health is ordinarily as good and his foreign visits so infrequent that his going abroad is treated as important event.

VICTIMS OF EXPLOSION IN MINE BURIED TODAY

Funeral Services and Families of Dead Men Occupy Attention of Sullivan Citizens.

Sullivan, Omd., Feb. 23 (By the Associated Press).—Burial of the victims of last Friday's explosion in the City Coal Company's mine, and rendering of aid to families of the fifty-one dead miners occupied the attention of Sullivan citizens today. Next came the problem of determining the cause of the fatal blast and averting a similar tragedy.

Funerals were held today for almost a score of victims.

May Investigate the Fisheries Products Company.

Investigation of the stock selling activities of the defunct Fisheries Products Company, which melted hundreds of thousands of dollars, by Attorney General Brummitt was authorized Saturday by the Senate in a joint resolution introduced by Senator Everett and sent to the House after immediate and unanimous passage.

Senator Everett's resolution to authorize an investigation of the Fisheries Products Company met approval from the Senate. It provides that the attorney general investigate and secure all the evidence which he will deliver to the solicitors of the State upon which to bring indictments. Senator Grant wanted to add the Paul Rubber Company and the Bailey Brothers Company to a resolution but agreed to let it pass, as introduced.

Senator Everett declared that in his country nearly a quarter million dollars had been lost by investors in Fisheries Products Company stock. He told of one instance of an old Confederate soldier who invested \$5,000 in the worthless stock. He stated in Martin county which is also in his district investors had also lost large sums. The attorney general has been consulted, he stated, and will be glad to conduct the investigation.

Funeral For J. D. Mann Today.

High Point, Feb. 23.—Funeral services for J. D. Mann, prominent High Point citizen, who died at his home here yesterday, will be conducted at Wesley Memorial Methodist Episcopal Church this afternoon at 3 o'clock. Dr. E. E. McLarty, pastor of the church, will officiate.

President Greets Delegates.

Washington, Feb. 23.—Reception by President Coolidge at the White House, and addresses by Secretary Weeks and other War Department officials were on the program today for delegates to the Woman's Conference on National Defense and Peace Insurance.

In the early days of the game the golf ball was stuffed with feathers.

NEW SCHOOL LOAN FUND PROPOSED IN THE SENATE

Would Create \$5,000,000 to Be Allotted Among Counties For School Work.

Raleigh, Feb. 23.—The Senate today received a new bill providing for another \$5,000,000 school loan fund to be allotted among counties applying for aid from the fund on the same basis as the two former school loan funds of like character and amount.

Among the measures which were passed on final reading in the Senate was the administration bill authorizing the Governor to appoint the Treasurer and Auditor as a sinking fund commission, directed to look after enforcement of the numerous sinking fund provisions of the various bond authorization acts.

Would Create Sinking Fund Commission.

Raleigh, Feb. 23.—A measure to provide for the appointment of the State treasurer and State auditor as a special sinking fund commission to at all times keep accurate check on the fund was introduced in the Senate today.

It was sponsored by Governor McLean.

Local Measures in House.

Raleigh, Feb. 23.—Local measures received attention of today's session of the House. A large number of these were passed on third reading, while others were introduced and referred to committees.

Shortly after noon a special address from Governor McLean on prison conditions was read to the body.

VICTIM OF AUTO WRECK IS RESTING VERY WELL

Believed That Mrs. Foster, of Concord, Will Recover of Her Injuries.

Greensboro, Feb. 22.—Mrs. John K. Foster, of Concord, was resting well tonight at the home here of her brother, W. J. Crowell, and indications are that she will recover soon from injuries received Saturday afternoon when an automobile in which she was riding and another collided on the Greensboro-High Point road.

The car in which Mrs. Foster was riding hit a Collie dog and swerved into a car coming from the opposite direction. Both cars were badly wrecked. Of the occupants of the cars, Mrs. Foster was the only one injured. At first it was thought her skull was fractured, but physicians today stated it was not.

In addition to injuries to her head, she suffered several bruises over her body.

SERVE PAPERS IN TAX CASE AT CHARLOTTE

Charge Raise Income and Profit Tax Returns Filed—Subpoenas For 23 Persons.

Charlotte, Feb. 21.—Service of subpoenas on 23 stockholders and officials of the Camp Greene Investment Company, organized in 1919 to salvage the Camp Green property near Charlotte, charged with filing false income and profit tax returns with the collector of internal revenue was continued today by Marshal Cain.

The suit has been filed by the federal government in United States District court and is expected to be heard this spring. The difference between the tax collected and the amount actually owed was \$23,030.00, the suit alleges. G. G. Callaway and Osmond L. Baringer, both of Charlotte, are president and treasurer respectively of the firm.

INVESTIGATE CHARGES AGAINST TWO SENATORS

Senators Spencer and Bursom Charged With Using Their Influence Improperly in Washington.

Washington, February 23.—With one United States Senator already under indictment on charges of accepting a fee for practicing before a government agency, the justice department is investigating charges that two others have improperly used their influence in Washington.

The two against which the latest charges have been lodged with the attorney general are: Spencer, of Missouri, and Bursom, of New Mexico, both republicans. Senator Wheeler, democrat of Montana, is awaiting trial in Montana and a new grand jury proceeding against him now is in progress here.

LOVE PIRATING FELONY. NEBRASKA'S PROPOSAL

Introduces Measure to Give Prison Sentence to Home Wreckers.

Lincoln, Neb., Feb. 23.—A bill making alienation of the affections of a husband or wife a crime punishable by a prison sentence and fine, or both, was favorably reported to the Nebraska Senate by the judiciary committee for general file.

Senator J. C. Cooper, author of the bill and a bachelor, declared "there is nothing absurd about the bill," adding that the "breaking up of homes in this country has become a hobby. It must be stopped. Criminal procedure is the only method."

Deficiency Appropriation Bill Reported.

Washington, Feb. 23.—A deficiency appropriation bill carrying \$54,426,562 or \$47,674 less than budget estimates were reported today by the House appropriation committee. It is the last supply measure of the session, and will be taken up tomorrow by the House.

A new school for the education of rabbis has been opened under Soviet auspices at Leningrad, according to the Jewish Daily Bulletin. The conditions include instruction for one hour a day in political economy and three hours a week in the history of communism. There are 2,000 rabbis in Poland waiting for admission to the United States.

Mrs. D. W. Sharpe, of Durham is spending several days with her sister, Mrs. E. E. Peelle, at her home on North Church street.

More Gossip



Anne Luther, prominent screen actress, who became more prominent in her suit against Jack White for \$100,000 for breach of contract has started more gossip. She is seen nightly with Frank Mayer, actor.

BODY OF OLSON WILL BE EXHUMED NOW

Was Brother of Chicago Jurist Who Has Prosecuted in Death of William McClintock.

Chicago, O., Feb. 23.—Exhumation of the body of Dr. Oscar Olson, brother of Harry Olson, chief justice of municipal court, who has prosecuted the investigation of the death of William McClintock, millionaire orphan, will be ordered in connection with that case, the Chicago Tribune said today.

Judge Olson said that his brother had been a friend of the McClintocks before the birth of William, and was a friend of the youth until his death three years ago when William was eighteen. Dr. Olson suffered an attack of ptomaine poisoning, was visited by the Sheppards, was alone for a time with Mr. Sheppard, ate a pear proffered him, and died a few hours later, said the judge. A physician signed a certificate of death from heart disease.

Dr. George Fosburg testified at the funeral that Sheppard twice had sought information after post mortem examination after a death due to typhoid fever or poisoning by a certain acid.

HOLD-UP COUPLE TWO YEARS IN PRISON

Woman Will Not Have to Serve if She Makes \$12,000 Restitution.

Ashville, Feb. 21.—Two years in the State prison was the sentence given Mrs. Marion Hamby and her brother, Herbert Skyles, who pleaded guilty to the charge of robbing Silvano Delgado of jewelry and valuables worth \$12,000, the judgment being pronounced today by Judge James L. Webb in Superior Court.

Mrs. Hamby will not have to serve her sentence, provided she makes proper restitution to the Cuban, the presiding judge said after court had adjourned.

Fraternal Orders Are Not Exempt in Revenue Measure.

Raleigh, Feb. 20.—Senators McKean and Burgwyn tonight fought to prevent the exemption of fraternal organizations from the revenue act, losing out before the joint finance committee after forceful speeches.

The fraternal organizations will continue to pay nothing on their holding in this state. Senator McKean also sought to prevent indigent soldiers of the Spanish-American and World war from the exemption from peddlers' licenses. He said that it was absurd to exempt all such veterans and that some definition should be placed as to what the word "veterans" meant. He won out on his argument to the extent that the wording was amended to include only veterans of this state or veterans living in other states.

Program Advertising Absolutely Worthless.

Fayetteville, Feb. 19.—Setting what is believed to be a precedent for local entertainment, the promotion committee of the American Legion voted unanimously against framing a program with advertising for the forthcoming production of "Kick In," the gripping drama which will be staged at the high school auditorium on February 26.

It was the consensus of opinion in the committee that program advertising is absolutely worthless and the members went on record as saying that such schemes only led the merchants and caused more ill-will against local entertaining enterprise than anything else.

The committee will prepare a single page program of the play, printed on one side, for the convenience of the patrons. No freewill contributions will be asked in the form of worthless space buying and the show will stand on its merits.

Michigan Rejects Child Labor Amendment.

Lansing, Mich., Feb. 20.—The lower house of the Michigan legislature today voted 61 to 24 to reject the proposed federal child labor amendment.

A bill is before the Missouri legislature to re-establish horse racing in that state by legalizing the pari-mutual system of betting.

ALLEGED VIOLATORS OF NARCOTIC LAWS TO BE HEARD

Arrests Made in and Near Charlotte in Raids Which Were Stated There Saturday Night.

FOUR WOMEN IN PRISONERS' LIST

Narcotic Agent of Washington Led Raids Being Assisted by Thirteen Other Agents.

Charlotte, Feb. 23.—Twenty-one persons charged with violating the national anti-narcotic laws, today were to appear before the U. S. Commissioner here following a series of raids conducted by Federal agents Saturday and yesterday.

Dr. R. R. Rhee, narcotic agent of the Washington division, led the raids, and declared it was the intention of the government to "clean up North Carolina" insofar as illegal traffic in narcotics is concerned. Thirteen agents assisted him in the raids.

All those arrested resided in Charlotte with two exceptions, Dr. E. V. Taylor, who resides in a beautiful home at Stanly Creek, Gaston County, and said by officials to be the head of the drug ring operating here; and Fred Riggsbee, of Raleigh.

Four women were among those arrested.

DUKE MAY BUILD A NEW RAILROAD

Gossip That Power Magnate Will Extend P. & N. to Durham.

Greensboro, Feb. 22.—Greensboro business men are taking heart somewhat for competitive rail service because of a report that J. B. Duke, head of the Piedmont and Northern Railroad, an electric line, plans extension of the line from Charlotte to Durham.

Further expansion would be to link the line in North Carolina with that in South Carolina by building a track from Spartanburg, S. C. From Spartanburg the line goes to Greenville, Anderson and Greenwood, S. C.

An article appearing in the Wall Street Journal is the basis for the reports. People familiar with railroading seem to think that if a line is built from Charlotte to Durham it will follow the Southern practically all the way and so take in Greensboro. Following the Southern it would have to feeders the towns and cities using power of the Southern Power Company in their industries.

The matter is yet in the realms of speculation, but intimation of belief in the article in the Wall Street Journal of such a step brings hope that the Southern Power and Electric Line would extend the line and come through here with it.

ONE KILLED, ONE INJURED IN STREET CAR COLLISION

Accident Occurs at Salisbury When Automobile and Trolley Meet Head-On.

Salisbury, Feb. 22.—Robert A. Green is dead and Charlie Jones is in a Salisbury hospital minus a leg as a result of a collision between a small car and a street car last midnight on South Main street. The two men, with a third one, Bennett Bowers, were going north when their car, which was being driven by Jones, met a south bound street car head-on. One side of Green's face was smashed off and he died soon after being rushed to the hospital. Jones was badly injured and a leg. Bowers escaped by jumping. Green was 32 years old and is survived by a widow. He had been connected with laundries here for a number of years. The funeral takes place Monday afternoon at 4 o'clock from the home of his mother on East Bank street.

Chas. A. Hunt, Sr., Dies at Lexington.

Lexington, Feb. 23.—Charles A. Hunt, Sr., veteran manufacturer of Lexington, died at his home here early today, aged over 81 years. Funeral services will be held at 3 o'clock Monday from Grace Episcopal church, of which the deceased was for many years a vestryman.

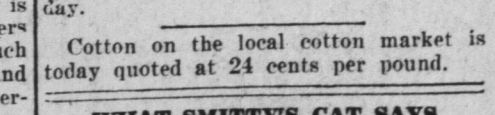
A. O. Cline, formerly of Concord, but who was transferred to Monroe several months ago, has again been transferred to Statesville and will move his family there to live.

E. G. Lowie, of the Southern freight office, spent the week-end with relatives in South Carolina.

The library will be closed today in observance of George Washington's birthday.

Cotton on the local cotton market is today quoted at 24 cents per pound.

WHAT SMITTY'S CAT SAYS



Showers tonight, cooler in west portion; Tuesday generally fair and much cooler.