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one's last work before recon- sidering of outstanding interest, age by the house of the bill sentative Woodard, of Nash- endorsed by the State insur- department, which would in- crease of non-medical exam- insurance from \$2,000 to \$5,000.

enate had before it tonight its busiest session thus far, measures that have provoked in are down as special orders. sideration, and another men- was considered as possibly of these special order mes- the bill providing for increase ay of Supreme and Superior dges to a total of \$8,000 for nd expense accounts. This present an increase of \$1,500 e present compensation for es.

second special order was the to change the automobile li- ar from the fiscal year run- ing July 1st to June 30th, the to the calendar year. The was held up for further in- on last week when Senator of Trenton, read an estimate hights commission indicat- the change would involve an to the state of about \$150, of the senators thought ac- creased interest on the fees for the six months period ary instead of June would be the additional expense senator from Jones county an impression with his ex- figures that the bill had been for further consideration. nal special order in the sen- tonight was the bill requiring stores and pharmacists to at a cost of \$1 annually. Broughton bill providing for ents to the death penalty law hded for a special order iday.

DIARY AND LETTERS BY "PEACHES" NOT PUT INTO EVIDENCE

Justice Seeger Rules They Have No Real Bearing on Married Life of the Brownings.

PART OF LETTER IS ACCEPTED Browning Lawyers Wanted to Show Something of Woman's Life by Means of a Diary.

White Plains, N. Y., Jan. 31.—(P)—The diary kept by Mrs. Frances (Peaches) Keenan Browning, prior to her marriage was ruled out as evidence today by Supreme Justice Seeger.

The diary was said by Browning's attorneys to have contained the names of several "boy friends" of the young wife before the marriage. They were to be used as character witnesses, it was promised, should the diary have been admitted as evidence.

Three letters identified Wednesday by Mrs. Browning as having been written to girl friends also were ruled out by the judge.

"I don't think it will help me very much," he said, "to go into the lives of either of these persons before their marriage. I think I can decide this case on the basis of actions during the marriage."

The letters, counsel for Browning told the court, referred to a "poker party" attended, he said, by the young woman before she became the real estate man's wife.

The justice later modified his order slightly to allow some of the evidence regarding Mrs. Browning's pre-marital life to be introduced in order that it "might be on the record" and "as there is no jury to be influenced," Justice Seeger said that he would halt the testimony when he thought it had gone far enough.

Miss Marian Tussey, who testified for Mrs. Browning last week, was recalled to the stand as the first witness today and denied having told her landlord about the improper actions of Mrs. Browning.

None of Important Measures Have Yet Come From Legislative Committee

The Tribune Bureau Sir Walter Hotel By J. C. BASKERVILL

Raleigh, Jan. 31.—Things are beginning to lag in the general assembly and unless both houses, and especially the committees, get down to work in a good earnest way this coming week, the usual legislative jam at the end of the session will again become a very likely probability.

This was the opinion of a number of the older heads in both the senate and the house today, at the end of the fourth week of the general assembly. For while the session is almost half gone, none of the more important measures have as yet come from the committees to be put upon the calendar.

True, most of these important bills have been introduced, but a number of them have been reposing in committee for two weeks or more. The first committees to finish their task are the senate and house appropriation committees, which complete their final hearings on the appropriation bill Friday, and hope to have the bill ready to report by Tuesday or Wednesday at the latest.

Unless the finance committees get down to work a whole lot harder than they have been working this past week or two, things are going to get into as bad a jam as has ever existed," said a veteran member of the house and incidentally of the finance committee, today in talking of the situation which in his opinion is far from encouraging.

"There is a lot of talk about economy, but very little of it put into practice," said one of the newer members of the legislature. "I believe in wise economy and in putting it into practice and already I have seen enough of the excessive delay so far."

Of almost equal importance—and perhaps of even greater importance, at least in the amount of time that will be consumed—are several measures still before the committees on education, of which the bill to bar the teaching of evolution is undoubtedly the foremost. In addition to this bill are several others relating to education, including the bills to levy a statewide ad valorem tax for educational purposes, which are bound to produce prolonged and heated debates both in committee and on the floor should they reach it.

Then there is the Smith-Hargett highway bill—a storm cloud to be reckoned with and many others.

Thus there is due cause for alarm at the excessive delay so far.

HUNDREDS FLEE TO ESCAPE FLOODS IN ARKANSAS BOTTOMS

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WIFE SLAYER CHANGES HIS STORY OF MURDER

William Coffey Now Admits He Killed Wife With Baseball Bat While She Slept. Lancaster, Wis., Jan. 30.—William N. Coffey, confessed slayer of his bride, Mrs. Hattie Hale Coffey, with whom he contracted a bigamous marriage, today said he killed the woman while she slept and that he had planned the killing for some time, according to Sheriff Lynn Wright, of Juneau county.

FLAT FEET IN NAVY CAUSED BY CHARLESTON

(By International News Service) Oakland, Calif., Jan. 31.—Charleston causes flat feet, at least that's the belief of a State Library recruiting men.

S. C. Towns, recruiting officer for the United States navy in Oakland, declared that of the last 64 prospective recruits more than half had been rejected.

"Twenty-six were turned down because of flat feet," Towns declared, "and ten were refused because of rapid heart action. Most of the rejected applicants admitted they were Charleston enthusiasts."

WILL EXPECTED "STORM" BREAK IN LEGISLATURE?

Or Will It Turn Out to Be a "Tempest in a Teapot?" The Tribune Bureau Sir Walter Hotel

Raleigh, Jan. 31.—Will the long-headed and much-rumored "storm" break in the general assembly this week? It has been scheduled to, according to the most reliable lobby gossip. But there are a number who merely smile at this report.

In the first place, what is the "storm" going to break about? True, it has been generally circulated around that the "insurgents" under the leadership of Representative Walter Murphy, of Rowan, would launch their attack chiefly on the governor and the appropriations budget bill. But since there is little possibility that the budget and appropriations measure will reach the floor of the house this week, although it will be completed, many are at a loss to understand how any "attack" can be made on the governor except through the appropriations budget measure, or some other administration bill.

And since no other administration bill of importance is expected to come up, it is being wondered if any one will have the temerity to make an independent onslaught without the bolstering alibi of some measure to which exception can be taken.

There has been a feeling in some quarters that Governor McLean was using his influence to block the enactment of the Australian ballot bill and direct charges to that effect have been made in an article appearing in a Raleigh morning newspaper. However, those closest to the administration maintain that the governor not only is not seeking to defeat the bill but is really in sympathy with the measure. However, he is not taking an active part in the discussion of the bill for the reason that he feels that it is a matter for the members of the general assembly to decide among themselves.

This bill has the strong support of all the women's organizations in the state, and seems to have a very good chance, despite some determined opposition from certain localities.

For a time there appeared that there might be a rift over the bill designed to increase the number of superior court judges in the state might cause a rift, since the administration recommended a measure to increase the number of judges through a system of permanent emergency judges, so as not to have to create new districts or additional solicitors. And at first when Representative Everett, of Durham, offered his bills to increase the number of judicial districts, there appeared that there might be some kind of a contest on this point. However, Mr. Everett has since announced that he will be in favor of the permanent emergency judge plan if it is found to be permissible under the constitution. And assurance is given now that the system is constitutional.

Thus it seems that in the absence of any issue or measure over which a "storm" can break, there is much likelihood that the storm may even turn out to be a tempest in a teapot, or merely a cloud of rumor.

POPULATION OF THE UNITED STATES IS 118,678,000 SOULS

Computations by Government Census Experts Say Population July 1st Will Be Above Number.

AN INCREASE OF 12,917,380 Since the 1920 Census Was Taken.—Based on Available Data of Various Kinds.

Washington, Jan. 31.—(P)—Computations by the government's census experts indicate that the population of continental United States on July 1, 1927 will be 118,628,000. This is an increase of 1,402,000 over the estimate for July 1, 1926, and an increase of 12,917,000 over the figures for January 1, 1920, when the last actual census was taken.

The new estimate, announced today by the census bureau, is based, among other things, on available data regarding births, deaths, immigration and emigration. Estimates for each of the states were made by distributing the total estimated increase in the same proportions as the actual increase between the two censuses of 1910 and 1920 was distributed. Those states which showed a decrease between 1910 and 1920 or between 1920 and 1925, however, were not credited with having made any increase since.

No figures were announced for geographical divisions smaller than the states. The population of North Carolina is given at 2,897,000, an increase of 337,877 over the actual census figures of 1920.

ENGLAND SELLS WAR SUPPLIES FOR 3 BILLIONS Biggest Sale in World's History Closed as Old Stores Are Disposed Of.

BY F. A. WRAY International News Service Staff Correspondent

London, Jan. 31.—The greatest "sale" in the world's history just been completed and wound-up. It was the sale of \$2,400,000,000 of War Stores belonging to the British Government.

Only five officials' now remain of a staff of 47,000 persons, who, eight years ago, set out to dispose of war material which cost the British Empire untold millions of dollars. Its actual cost will probably never be known. But, out of the debris \$3,400,000,000 has been recovered and gone to the relief of the Chancellor of the Exchequer for war debts and other payments.

The difficulties encountered in this wind-up can be judged by the fact that there were more than 350,000 distinct varieties of stores, scattered in dumps in various parts of the world, which had to be dealt with by the "Liquidation and Disposal Commission."

Many Depots. It was necessary, therefore, to place 500 depots in various countries and to send out expert valuers and salesmen. The stocks to be disposed of varied from ordinary office pens and pencils to ocean-going steamers, complete railroads, factories, roads, and even vast tracts of desert land. They included animals, explosives, foodstuffs, mechanical and horse transport, barges, medical stores and furniture. Hundreds of miles of roads, constructed in such countries as Macedonia, Iraq and Palestine, together with locomotive and trucks, had to be sold whatever prices they would fetch.

One of the greatest difficulties with which the Commission was faced was to find and identify their stock before it could be valued and catalogued. For instance, hundreds of boats and barges had to be located on the canals of France and Belgium, and brought together for sale.

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THE COTTON MARKET

Opened Steady at Decline of 3 to 4 Points Under Selling, March Going to 13.29.

New York, Jan. 31.—The cotton market opened steady today at a decline of 3 to 4 points under southern selling and realizing or liquidation, prices easing off to 13.29 for March and 13.70 for July during the first few minutes, or about 4 or 5 points net lower.

Liverpool made a relatively firm showing, however, while spot houses were buyers of March here. Some trade buying in later months led to rallies, the market selling back to about Saturday's closing quotation by the end of the first hour.

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BUSY SESSION FOR THE STATE SENATE TONIGHT

Number of Bills Which Already Have Been Presented Will Be Discussed.

Raleigh, Jan. 31.—(PNS)—The Senate will be faced with a busy session tonight. It meets here Monday night.

In addition to new matters which may come up, the Senate is scheduled to take action on a number of bills which were deferred at Friday's session.

TROOPS IN CHINA

Would Take Place in 15th of Men Whose Time Is

ington, Jan. 31.—(P)—The that are to sail from New March 8th for China are part Infantry of 200 recruits for Infantry stationed regularly as it was said today at the War

men were requisitioned some to fill vacancies in the 15th, the expiration of enlistments, ing Men For China Service.

lle, Jan. 31.—(P)—The Dan- recruiting station has re- was this department bulletin say- at thirty-five specially qualified nts may be recruited here for in China. The men would re- For Slocum not later than 2nd, and would sail by army from New York on March

WANTS GREAT BRITAIN TO KEEP TROOPS FROM CHINA

Foreign Minister Says Troop Movement May Not Be Understood by Chinese.

Peking, Jan. 31.—(P)—H. V. K. Wellington Koo, foreign minister of the northern government, today addressed a note to the British legation here, protesting against the dispatching of British forces to Shanghai, and asked that it be transmitted to London in the hope that the British government would "give necessary instructions for the immediate withdrawal of troops dispatched to China, so nothing untoward may happen to mar the friendly relations of the two nations."

The foreign minister's note declared the "dispatch of additional naval and military forces to China is contrary to the spirit of the league of nations covenant. It cannot be over-emphasized that the national spirit of the Chinese people has been developed, and the military movement on the part of the British government is liable to lead to serious misunderstanding."

Dr. Koo further declared that if the object of the expedition was merely to protect the Shanghai international settlement such is unnecessary, maintaining that the Chinese authorities are capable of going that, while "the presence of a large number of foreign troops in this area might lead to unforeseen complications, for which the Chinese government could not be held responsible."

INJURIES PROVE FATAL TO WILLIAM SMITH

Was Run Over Saturday Night Near Gastonia.—Driver of Car Not Known.

Gastonia, Jan. 31.—(P)—William Smith, aged about 60 years, died in a hospital in this city today as a result of being run over by an unknown driver Saturday night.

The county board of commissioners has offered a \$100 reward for the apprehension of the driver, who is said to have been in a small roadster.

Mr. Smith was leading a cow along the right side of the road, going to McAdenville, seven miles away. Two men in a nearby store heard the impact of the car, and darted out in time to see the huddled figure of the old man and the retreating car. The victim's skull was crushed.

TOOTH IS EXTRACTED AND SIGHT RESTORED

Woman, Blind For 28 Years, Regains Vision in Most Astonishing Manner.

Denver, Colo., Jan. 20.—After 28 years of total blindness, Mrs. William H. Dunagan, 38, of Denver, has regained her sight. Extraction of an abscessed tooth early this week ended long years of the "darkness," known only to those who are blind.

Dental surgeons and eye specialists here described the case as one of the most astonishing ever to come under their observation.

Mrs. Dunagan said she lost her sight in San Diego, Calif., when she was 10 years old, following an attack of scarlet fever.

LINDESEY DENIES HE IS FREE LOVE ADVOCATE

Says He is Offering What He Believes to Be a Solution of the Problem.

Denver, Colo., Jan. 30.—Because of a deluge of denunciation from all sections of the country by clergymen and laymen alike, whom he characterized as "misunderstanding me," Judge Ben B. Lindsey, of the Denver juvenile court, tonight issued a statement declaring he was "not advocating free love in America."

"Rather, he said, 'I am offering what I believe may be a solution to the problem of free love now rampant in the country.'"

"Because I care so much for the sanctity and permanence of the American home, I am bitterly 'opposed to 'free love' and so-called 'trial marriages' as they exist under the present marriage code, he said. 'Most of the present marriage code, of course, I heartily approve.'"

ADVERSE REPORT ON TILSON NOMINATION

Had Been Nominated by President to Be Federal Judge in Georgia.

Washington, Jan. 31.—(P)—The nomination of William J. Tilson to be federal judge for the new district of Georgia was adversely reported today by the Senate judiciary committee.

Tilson was opposed by Senators George and Harris, democrats, of Georgia, grounds on which the opposition was based including the claim that he was not a resident of the district.

Alexander S. Calbraith Dies Suddenly. Brevard, N. C., Jan. 31.—(P)—Alexander S. Calbraith, retired traveling representative of the New York Central railroad, died suddenly Sunday at the home here of his daughter, Mrs. W. C. Austin. He was seventy years old. Death was attributed to heart disease.

SLAVERY IN INDIA IS ABOLISHED BY BRITISH

Hangover, Burma, Jan. 27.—The British government has ordered the abolition of slavery in India.

Sir Harcourt Butler, governor of Burma, at a reception of the Kachin chiefs of the district known as the triangle, announced that "henceforth slaves must not be sold, given as part of dowries or in settlement of feuds, neither may families of slaves be broken up."

Immediate arrangements will be made for the release of slaves and compensation will be paid the owners by the British government.

Woman at 87 Starts Alone For World Trip. Attica, N. Y., Jan. 31.—Age has failed to daunt the spirit of Mrs. Amelia Chesbro, who has started a trip to Europe and the Holy Land without escort or companion at the age of 87.

CONTRACT FOR DORMITORY

Charlotte, Jan. 29.—Contract for the erection of a dormitory at Queens College here was let yesterday by the building committees. The total cost is expected to be approximately \$80,000. Work will begin at once and the building probably will be ready for occupancy by August 15.

MUST BOOTLEGGERS PAY INCOME TAX?

U. S. Supreme Court Is Asked For a Ruling on the Question.

Washington, Jan. 31.—A Supreme Court ruling as to whether bootleggers must pay a Federal income tax upon their liquor sales profits or submit tax returns showing such business was asked today by the Government.

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