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IN THE LEGISLATURE.

Senate Passes Bill for Reapportionment of Legislature--New Hanover Loses One Member.

Senator Morton Makes Strong Effort to Retain New Hanover's Former Representation in the House, But the Votes are Against Him--The House Passes and the Senate Discusses the Bill to Increase the Number of Judicial Districts to Sixteen and Then Lays it Over Until Monday--Bill Restricting Hunting in Pender County Passes Both Houses--Bills Introduced and Adopted.

SENATE.

(Special to The Messenger.)

Raleigh, February 9.--The senate met at 11 o'clock.

Bills were introduced as follows: By Senator Ward, to permit teachers from the state normal school to teach in public schools without standing examination; by Senator Morrison, to establish schools and electric lights at Rockingham; by Senator Smith, to appoint justices of the peace in Johnston county; by Senator Broughton, to authorize the council of state to purchase a site and build a warehouse to store public documents; also to incorporate the Trust Company of North Carolina.

The house bill to prevent hunting on lands of another without consent of the owner in Pender passed its final reading.

The house bill to incorporate the Wrightsville and Onslow Navigation Company was taken up.

Senator Warren said the bill was introduced by Mr. Thompson and was in his district and he would like to have it deferred so he could examine the effect of the amendment by committee.

Senator Morton said the amendment only gave the company exclusive rights after it had made a channel of four feet.

The bill was re-referred.

The bill came up to apportion the members of the legislature.

Senator Morton sent up an amendment to substitute New Hanover for Sampson. He thought this was only fair and just. He knew the committee took the census returns, but New Hanover contained the largest city in the state and the best port on the south Atlantic coast and for fifty years has had two representatives. He did not claim that the census was wrong any more than in other counties, but a peculiar situation confronted this county. Before the Boston tea party, the people of New Hanover had run out the British, so when eastern Carolina was under negro rule the good people came to the rescue of their homes and firesides and guarded their property with their rifles. "I only ask that New Hanover be given credit for 500 of these citizens who were temporarily absent in June last, and the county will retain its two representatives. If you allow New Hanover her representatives you have two democrats--Sampson, and you have two populists."

Senator Currie said the last census was well taken and had been shown to be accurate. He had no love for populists, but many of them were good men. He was in Wilmington the day of the riot and most of the negroes did leave, but they came back in a few days. He wanted Sampson to have justice.

Senator Arrington said the committee appreciated the position of New Hanover, but the census must be followed or there is no guarantee any of the counties are right.

Senator Robeson, populist, of Sampson, hoped Senator Morton's amendment would fail.

Senator Foushee offered an amendment to strike out Sampson and insert Durham. He said Sampson only had 134 more population than Durham last June and several large mills had been started since. Durham was growing. The population increased 40 per cent in ten years and was the third county in wealth and always democratic.

Senator Morton said all he asked was that the citizens who were temporarily absent last June be counted.

Senator McNeill said this discussion proved the wisdom of the committee in following the census. The committee did not dare to deviate from the constitution. He wished he could help New Hanover, but saw no way to do so.

Senator Gudger said if a representative was taken from Buncombe he wanted it given to the great county of New Hanover. He did not understand them bound absolutely by the census. He thought the senate should take judicial notice of the lamentable condition that injured Wilmington. Popu-

lists are only the tail of the republicans.

Senator Woodward said the only safe course was to follow the census, which had been done by the committee. This is not the time or place for political speeches.

Senator Morrison thought this a question that politics could not enter into. The sole question is: Has New Hanover now sufficient population to entitle it to two representatives.

Senator McNeill said the committee went by the census.

Senator Morrison claimed the census was the only guide and moved that the bill be re-referred.

Senator Long said there was no guide except the census.

Senator Morton in reply to a question said the census by the city showed a little gain.

Senator Scott opposed re-reference, saying all these matters had been gone into.

Senator Henderson thought the committee had done right and if the government census was not followed then the state would have to take a census of its own. He considered it perfectly clear that if the senate should deviate from the government census for one county it was necessary to make an enumeration of every county in North Carolina.

Senator Morrison said that upon assurance that all these things had been considered he withdrew his motion.

Senator Morton's amendment was last, as was Senator Foushee's and the bill passed its second reading.

The bill to allow railway and transportation companies in the state to consolidate with companies in other states was taken up. This was simply a general bill.

Senator Morton explained that it allowed railroads to consolidate with other roads not competing lines.

Senator London said the committee was opposed to such general law.

The bill was lost.

Bills were introduced as follows: By Senator Vann, for police regulation at Nags Head; by Senator Woodward, to provide official hay and grain inspector in Wilson county; by Senator Vann, to amend the act relating to the board of health.

The house bill came up to increase the number of judicial districts to sixteen.

Senator Morrison said the committee held several meetings and tried to ascertain the needs of the counties.

Senator Brown moved to strike out sixteen and insert fifteen. He thought this would be sufficient, as under maximum fifteen would give each judge thirty-seven and one-half weeks; sixteen would give thirty-seven weeks.

Senator Justice said the bill was passed on by a committee after careful calculation and not on the maximum needs of the counties.

Senator Brown wanted to know the necessity of pushing the bill.

Senator Justice said, because the state would have to be re-districted.

Senator Brown wanted a provision in the bill not allowing a judge to receive pay for holding a special term unless he had already had forty weeks.

He said there had been a scandalous report that some judges hurried through with one court term so as to go to some other place to hold a special term to get pay for it.

Senator Justice said the proviso that the senator wanted should be in the bill re-districting the state.

Senator Brown said he wanted court facilities, but if he was hurried to vote today then he would vote against it; but he did not want to be understood as opposing the bill.

Senator Morrison wanted action now.

Senator Pinnix hoped the vote would not be forced today. He was as yet unfamiliar with the bill.

Senator Aycock said many were unprepared, not having examined it; that a roll call today might defeat it.

Senator Morrison said: "I don't think it will be defeated, but for the Senator from Wayne."

"Not just for me," interrupted Senator Aycock.

"You are the only one I know," said Senator Morrison.

"I stand with Senator Aycock," exclaimed Senators Smith, Morton and others, springing from their seats.

Senator Woodward, of the committee argued for the bill by explaining the necessity for judges and that there should be no delay.

The bill went over until Monday.

Senator Aycock moved that the rules be suspended and the house appor-

tioned.

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MR. WILLARD'S INSURANCE BILL PUTS THE INSURANCE ON FOOTING WITH OTHER DEPARTMENTS

Increases the Salary of the Insurance Commissioner and Regulates Formation of Mutual Fire Insurance Companies--Both the President and President Pro tem of the Senate Absent. Another Industrial Company

(Special to The Messenger.)

Raleigh, N. C., February 9.--Lieutenant Governor Turner went home today, to be absent a week. Senator London, who is president pro tem., is also absent and returns Wednesday. Until he arrives Senator Justice will preside.

The state charters the People's Manufacturing Company, of Winston, capital \$50,000, G. E. Webb, of Winston; G. H. Bailey, of New York, and others stockholders.

A bill was introduced in the legislature greatly extending the corporate limits of Durham.

The insurance bill introduced in the house by Mr. Willard today puts the insurance department upon the same basis as other departments; makes the salary of the commissioner \$1,500; provides that in the formation of mutual fire insurance companies to operate in more than two counties the requirements as to amount of insurance shall not be less than \$25,000, owned by not less than twenty-five residents. The license fee for fraternal orders is fixed at \$5 annually and for domestic companies issuing only mutual policies \$50, and where such company operates in not over two counties \$10 annually. The contingent expense of the insurance commissioner in seeking out, detecting and punishing violations of law as regards incendiarism are fixed at not exceeding \$500 annually. It is made unlawful for any company reinsuring risks on North Carolina property to so reinsure save in companies duly licensed by the state to do such business.

ATTEMPTED SAFE ROBBERY

Pluck of Postmaster Prevents Robbery--All Captured

Asheville, N. C., February 9.--Four masked men attempted to rob the post-office and store at Emma, the first station out from Asheville on the Southern railway, last night, with the result that two white men and one negro are dangerously shot and one white man and a negro escaped temporarily. About 10 o'clock Samuel Alexander, assistant postmaster and clerk at Emma, was aroused by a knock and a request to get some one's mail. On opening the door Alexander was covered by a pistol and ordered to unlock the safe, which he did. One robber held the pistol on Alexander, while the other began to loot the safe. Alexander, at an opportune moment, grabbed the pistol of the robber going through the safe, which he had laid down, and began firing. At the same time the other robber opened fire on him. Two of the robbers were badly wounded, one possibly fatally, and Alexander has ugly wounds in the side of abdomen and back.

The police were notified and this morning all the robbers are safe in jail. Two of the robbers were white and two negroes. The white men are Russ Gates and Dudley Johnson. The latter is supposed to be a man wanted in Florida for murder. The negroes are Ben Foster and Harry Miller, ex-convicts and well-known to the local police.

GRANTED ATTORNEY'S LICENSE.

Successful Applicants at Present Term of Supreme Court.

(Special to The Messenger.)

Raleigh, February 9.--The following were today granted license as attorneys by the supreme court: George W. Garland, Davidson county; Charles E. Greene, Mitchell county; Albert E. Harold, Harnett county; Marion F. Hatcher, Randolph county; Norman H. Johnson, Warren county; Claudius E. McCullen, Sampson county; William M. Peterson, Washington county, Tenn.; Samuel D. Peterson, Mitchell county; Carney K. Rosser, Moore county; Robert W. Boyd, Haywood county; Thomas J. Dunn, Mecklenburg county; Duncan P. Shaw, Robeson county; Jackson Greer, Columbus county; Thomas C. Bowie, Ashe county; Burton Craige, Rowan county; Thomas J. Harkins, Jr., Buncombe county; Plummer Stewart, Union county; William B. Jones, Wake county; Frederick H. Brooks, Johnston county; Robert I. Humphreys, Rockingham county; Wiley C. Rector, Henderson county; Robert W. Davis, Brunswick county; William H. Harrison, Johnston county; Peter H. Bell, Washington county; John W. Hinsdale, Jr., Wake county; Oscar C. Dancy, Wilkes county.

There were thirty-eight applicants, twenty-six passed, one colored. There were two colored applicants.

ENGLAND'S LATEST TRIUMPH NO LONGER AFRAID OF A CONTINENTAL COALITION AGAINST HER

Emperor William the Dominating Figure in European Politics--His Friendship for England Greatly Increased by His Recent Visit--Austria and Italy Completely Under His Influence.

London, February 9.--A comprehensive view of the international situation reveals only improved prospects for continued peace and harmony. From the British standpoint, Queen Victoria's death appears to have strengthened rather than weakened Great Britain's position among the nations. A sufficient time has elapsed since Victoria ceased to reign for the foreign office to feel the political pulse of the capitals of Europe, and the brief examination, commenced in no spirit of cock-sureness, resulted in a feeling of satisfaction and security at Downing street.

The foremost factor in this, naturally, is Emperor William's attitude. Responsible officials here make no attempt to conceal their elation at the circumstances attendant on his majesty's visit. They do not shut their eyes to the dissatisfaction the emperor has caused among sections of his subjects, but rely implicitly on the imperious force of Germany's ruler to successfully overcome the internal opposition engendered. Closer relations undoubtedly now exist between Great Britain and Germany.

Lord Salisbury and Lord Lansdowne are quite prepared to hear Count von Buelow (the imperial chancellor) satirically belittle the effect of Emperor William's visit, but in Downing street this will be taken as meant purely for home consumption, and as a more positive evidence of the skillful hand of the emperor.

The alliance between Great Britain and Portugal scarcely needed the visit of King Charles to render it stronger. Yet, the continued stay here of that ruler is believed to be likely to bring the people of Portugal and Great Britain in closer touch, thus rendering easier the work of their respective governments. So far as the diplomatic phase goes, the Associated Press is officially informed that nothing new has resulted from the king of Portugal's stay in England. The mutual responsibilities in connection with Delagoa Bay were too well understood previously to need further discussion. Thus, Portugal, Germany and Great Britain are believed to be more closely united than ever in their history--united by a compact, that, in the opinion of leading British statesmen, is stronger even than the dreadnought which is yearly becoming more of a tradition than a working agreement.

The only feature of the recent international happenings regretted at Downing street is the emperor's decoration of Field Marshal Lord Roberts with the Order of the Black Eagle. It is thought his majesty went almost too far, in view of the hostile comments, the German press is in the habit of showering on Great Britain's south African campaign. "Still," say the officials, "Emperor William never does things by halves."

Neither in China, nor in other parts of the world do Russia and France, in the foreign office's views, give any indication of counter action against this activity of British diplomacy. Lord Salisbury is said to rely on Emperor William to keep in touch and harmony with the czar. So long as this is feasible, France is not expected to take any serious initiative. Moreover, according to dispatches in the British press, French Anglo-phobism has abated since the queen's death. Austria and Italy are put down as sure to do nothing contrary to Emperor William's wish.

It is easily seen Emperor William is now the dominating figure in European affairs. To this Great Britain has no objection. She has made it possible and trusts to benefit by it. Relationship between the reigning families of Europe is not held to be of any account in the chancelleries, but so far as it goes it is believed King Edward VII's personality will tend to improve its degree of potency.

MRS. NATION IN IOWA

Her Tour Through the State--Crowds Everywhere--Ovation in Des Moines

Des Moines, Ia., February 9.--Mrs. Nation's tour through the western part of the state today took on a new feature and was in the sense a triumphal journey for the little Kansas saloon smasher. She made a dozen addresses from the platform of a Rock Island passenger train in the towns she passed through to come to Des Moines to deliver a lecture.

In the afternoon she visited four saloons, doing no damage, but drawing such a big crowd on the street that the

TILLMAN'S WARNING

To the Senators That He Must Have Justice For His Mexican War Veteran.

police were compelled to stop the crusade.

In the evening she addressed 2,000 people in the Young Men's Christian Association auditorium.

The journey from Council Bluffs to Atlantic was made quietly, the hour being too early for many people to see the crusader. At Atlantic the first visitors swarmed on the train and as Mrs. Nation saw them coming down the aisle she cried out jubilantly: "Hello, boys; glad to see you, shake hands, God bless the boys and the young men, I tell you I just love you all."

It was this way all along the route.

At Des Moines there were fully 5,000 people cheering and yelling at the depot when the train pulled in. As Mrs. Nation walked out of the car and got a glimpse of the vast throng she broke loose in childish glee, saying: "Just look at it, just look at the dears; may God bless every one." After a half hour's work on the part of the police a way was made through the crowds for Mrs. Nation to reach a carriage that had been provided. Once inside the carriage the clamor for a shake of her hand was too great and the saloon smasher stepped out of the carriage and swinging to the door with one hand frantically grasped the outstretched hands and arms with the other and wrung them sincerely, crying all the while: "God bless you. Here's a saloon smasher, God bless you."

After the reception which lasted fully fifteen minutes, the crowd was forced back and the carriage moved up to the only prominent hotel in the city without a bar. Here Mrs. Nation received many hundreds, shaking hands and giving all her blessing. By this time the enthusiasm had been worked up to a high pitch and Mrs. Nation was urged to make a tour of the saloons. This she agreed to do and at 3:30 o'clock accompanied by two city detectives, detailed by the chief of police, called upon four saloon-keepers in their places of business. She was followed by an enormous crowd. When the bar room at Wood hotel was reached, the chief of police held a hasty consultation with his lieutenants and concluded to stop the trip, which was accomplished without objection on the part of Mrs. Nation.

HOMICIDE IN SELF-DEFENSE

Fatal Result of an Attempt to Wreck a Barber Shop.

Charlotte, N. C., February 9.--Nelson Hamrick, son of the chief of police at Forest City, N. C., was hot and instantly killed in Dick Bailey's barber shop today. His brother, Ezell Hamrick, was fatally shot. The Hamrick boys attempted to smash the shop, after the style of Mrs. Nation, while Bailey was shaving a customer. Bailey laid down his razor and picking up his pistol used it with the result stated. The Hamricks come of good family. Bailey says he had to shoot them in self-defense.

ATTEMPTED ROBBERY

The Money Recovered and the Highwayman Captured.

Philadelphia, February 9.--Shortly after leaving the Ninth national bank today with a satchel containing \$1,100 with which he intended to pay his employes their weekly wages, Peter Woll, senior member of Peter Woll & Sons, curled hair manufacturers, was attacked by a highwayman. The robber at first got away with the money, but was compelled to drop it by a by-stander.

Mr. Woll was followed from the bank by the man, who finally stopped him at the corner of Norris and Howard streets. The highwayman said: "Better give me that money."

"No, I need it," replied Mr. Woll, who at first thought the man was joking.

At that the highwayman sprang upon Woll, who is 70 years old, knocked him down and ran off with the satchel.

A bricklayer at work nearby witnessed the assault and captured the highwayman, who in the struggle dropped the money, which was promptly recovered by Mr. Woll. He then made his escape, but was pursued by a policeman who had been attracted to the scene by Mr. Woll's calls for help. After a chase of two blocks the policeman caught the footpad. He gave his name as Joseph Edwards and said he had no home and had attempted the robbery to get sent to the house of correction for the winter. Mr. Woll was not seriously injured.

He Declares He Will Block all Private Pension Bills Unless the House Acts on a Certain Senate Bill for Pensioning a South Carolinian--Senator Butler Precipitates a Discussion on the 'Armor Plate Question--The Senate Adopts Resolution of Inquiry as to 'Minister Conger's Action--A Republican Member Causes a Sensation in the House by Advocating Independence for the Philippines.

SENATE.

Washington, February 9.--During almost the entire session of today the senate had under consideration the naval appropriation bill. Practically the bill was completed when it was laid aside for the day, all of the committee amendments being adopted; but as the measure was about to be placed on its passage Senator Butler, of North Carolina, precipitated a discussion of the armor plate question. In order to enable some others to speak upon the matter, the bill was laid aside until Monday. Eulogies upon the late representative Alfred C. Harmer, of Pennsylvania, concluded the session.

The passage at the beginning of the session of the senate of a bill granting a pension of \$50 a month to Stacy H. Cogswell, company F, Thirtieth Indiana volunteer infantry, induced Senator Tillman, of South Carolina, to make some forceful comments upon the house in not taking action upon a bill providing a pension for a Mexican war veteran who had resided in South Carolina during the civil war and naturally had been in sympathy with the Confederacy. The bill had been passed by the senate, but the house invalid pension committee was delaying final action upon it. Senator Tillman said there was such sectional animosity in the house committee that the members refused to permit action upon the bill for the benefit of this old Mexican veteran.

"Is the war over or is it not?" demanded Senator Tillman, with vehemence. "Let us find out whether it is or not. I swear by the Almighty God that I will not let another pension bill pass this senate until this old man gets justice!"

The resolution offered yesterday by Senator Berry calling upon the president for information as to whether the American minister to China has joined with the representatives of other powers in demanding the execution of Prince Tuan and other Chinese officials was adopted without debate.

While the naval bill was under consideration Senator Butler, called attention to the paragraph in the bill appropriating \$4,000,000 to pay for armor plate already contracted for. If the bill had provided the entire sum necessary to pay for armor contracted for it would carry that purpose, he said, \$16,564,550. He declared the senate absolutely was precluded from considering the matter now because congress had authorized the secretary of the navy to pay for armor whatever the armor trust could hold him up to. In the course of his speech, in which he revived the old armor question, Senator Butler declared that by the present arrangement the government was making a clear donation of \$5,000,000 to the armor trust.

At the conclusion of Senator Butler's speech the naval bill was laid aside.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

The consideration of the diplomatic and consular appropriation bill in the house today developed something of a sensation when Representative Brown, of Ohio, standing in the center of the republican side of the chamber, made a speech strongly condemning a colonial policy and urging that congress should at once give assurance to the Philippines that the purpose of the United States was to give them independence. His announcement that he advocated a resolution to this effect was loudly applauded, particularly on the democratic side, and at the close of the speech his republican associates crowded about him and congratulated him. Representatives Meyers, of Indiana, and Dinsmore, of Arkansas, also spoke on the Philippines.

The consideration of the diplomatic and consular bill went over at 2 o'clock and the rest of the day was given to eulogies on the late Representatives Daly, of New Jersey, and Wise, of Virginia.

At 5:25 o'clock p. m., as a further mark of respect, the house adjourned.