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## PROPOSERS OF ROAD BILL LOST OUT IN THEIR FIRST SKIRMISH

At Last Night's Session of General Assembly When A Motion to Adjourn Was Carried Over the Protest of the Framers of the Measure by a Safe Margin—Only Amendment of Importance Provides for a Referendum Vote As to the Amount of the Bond Issue.

Raleigh, Feb. 16.—Proponents of the Doughton-Connor-Bowie good roads bill apparently lost in the first parliamentary skirmish at last night's session of the House of Representatives when a motion to adjourn was carried over the protest of the framers of the measure by a safe margin. The motion to adjourn was lodged by Young of Buncombe and was the second attempt of the night to shut off debate on a number of amendments that were offered by opponents of the bill. The first motion was made by Matthews of Bertie who served notice that he would oppose the bill and would lead the fight against it as it was laid before the House at last night's session. On a viva voce vote the motion was defeated, Young's motion coming a few minutes later. Whether the opponents of the bill are going to be able to muster enough strength to hold down the support of the advocates of the measure does not appear. It is being talked at the capital, however, by these fighting passage of the bill that last night's action demonstrates to some extent their strength in the lower house.

The proponents of the bill are not ready to admit that the vote was a "test of strength" however and they expect today's discussion to so demonstrate. Opposition to the measure as voiced at last night's session is that it is hastily drawn and that the highway commissioners to be named will be given too much authority. Brown of Pitt spoke against the bill, saying that it was unconstitutional or rather that it violated the spirit of the constitution. He would defer action until the people were consulted. The only amendment offered of importance was by Darden of Halifax which provides for a referendum vote as to the amount of the bond issue. Walter Murphy spoke against this amendment after Bowie had outlined the main provisions of the bill in a forty minute speech.

Representative Barnes of Hertford made a vigorous speech against the issuance of the fifty millions, saying that the matter had not been fully discussed and should be considered carefully before any action was taken. He held out for an ad valorem tax. Over the question of the words "hard surfaced" and "other dependable material" in the bill considerable discussion was had. Some representatives in the western part of the state are not satisfied with the "other dependable material," saying that they are for "hard surfaced" roads exclusively.

### SEVERAL CASES BEFORE MAYOR THIS MORNING

The following cases were disposed of this morning in the mayor's court: State vs. John Allen Page. Crossing the Point's without stopping. Paid \$5.00. State vs. John Allen Page. Speeding. Fined \$10 and cost. State vs. Ben Brown. Driving recklessly in a reckless and careless manner. Paid the cost. State vs. John Fleming. Sweeping from Barber shop and allowing it to remain in the gutter. Fined \$5 and cost. State vs. Graham Flanagan. Speeding. Fined \$10 and cost. State vs. Arthur Teel. Driving recklessly in a reckless and careless manner. Fined \$2 and cost. State vs. Noah Hardee. Too much noise in his possession. Bound over to the county court.

### WHO KIDNAPPED HIS HOUSE?

Chicago, Feb. 16.—Van Winkle appeared to the police today to help them seek his threestory frame residence which some one kidnapped from its foundation. "I think they must be holding it for ransom," he told the officers. "I value the house at \$5,000. I'm glad they didn't take the lot, too." Van Winkle discovered his loss today when he took a prospective buyer out to look at the property. All that remained was the foundation and the cement sidewalk running around to where the back door used to be.

### NEW YORK BRIDE AT MONTE CARLO WINS \$100,000 ON AGE "HUNCH"



Mrs. Harry Schwartz, twenty and pretty, a bride of six weeks, "played her age" on the roulette wheel at Monte Carlo time after time, starting with a small bet, and finally quit the table with a nest-egg of \$100,000. Mr. and Mrs. Schwartz told their story upon arrival from Europe. While the couple were in Mont Carlo, Mrs. Schwartz celebrated her twentieth birthday. It occurred to her that a fitting celebration of her twentieth year would be the playing of the number twenty. When Mrs. Schwartz quit playing her "hunch" she had "taken" the bank for \$100,000, an amount which was closed for the night.

## PLANET SATURN IS 2,000 MILES THICK

Inner Ring is Known to Astronomers as the "Crepe Ring" — ss Less Brilliant.

Cambridge, Mass., Feb. 16.—The inner ring of the planet Saturn, known to astronomers as the "crepe ring" on account of the fact that it is much less brilliant than the others, has a thickness of 2000 miles, while the other rings are very much thinner, according to observations made by Professor William H. Pickering of Harvard at the Harvard Astronomical Station at Mandeville, Jamaica. The thickness of the rings of Saturn is a matter which has long attracted the interest of astronomers. This planet is surrounded by what appears through a small telescope to be a single flat ring of exceeding thinness. Through a larger telescope this is seen to be in reality three concentric rings. Every sixteen years or so the earth passes through the plane of these rings which are then in a position edge-wise to the earth. So thin are they that for a while they disappear and cannot be seen until the earth moves out of their plane. This phenomenon occurred on November 7, and will occur again on February 22 and August 3 of this year, after which there will be no opportunity of observing it again for sixteen years.

Professor Pickering reports that he observed the rings just before and after the November transit, and found the inner ring to be thicker than the others, estimating it to be 2000 miles thick. He also reports that in the outer edge of the second ring the meteors seem to be more concentrated than elsewhere. Astronomers believe these rings to be composed of innumerable small meteors revolving in dense swarms about the middle portions of the planet. Professor Pickering hopes to make further observations during the February transit. He is also engaged in studying the canals on the planet Mars, and in searching for the still undiscovered planet which is believed to revolve around the sun far outside the orbit of Neptune, the outermost planet yet discovered in the solar system.

## SINGER CARUSO IS CRITICALLY ILL

Suffered a Grave Heart Attack Last Night—Extreme Uction Administered to Him

New York, Feb. 16.—The condition of Caruso who suffered a grave heart attack late last night, was slightly improved today. The attending physicians admitted that he noted singer was desperately ill. He has been steadily improving from his severe attack of pleuresy and his relapse was entirely unexpected. The sacrament of extreme unction was administered to him at one thirty-five this morning. Throughout the night and the early morning hour he lapsed into unconsciousness but rallied slightly after the administration of oxygen and stimulants. Caruso was holding his own at nine o'clock. He has rallied considerably but his condition is still very serious. Shortly before eleven o'clock more oxygen tanks were taken to Caruso's apartment. A consultation of his physicians has been called.

## 2933 KOREANS ARE KILLED BY JAPS

Is the Charge Made by the Korean Red Cross—Killing Place on Chinese Soil.

Shanghai, Feb. 16.—The Korean Red Cross in Shanghai has made public a statement charging that Japanese forces killed or injured 2,933 Koreans on Chinese soil in Manchuria in the period from October 9 to November 5, last year. The number of houses and dwellings said in the statement to have been destroyed is 1,982, the number of churches burned, 25 and schools, 9.

Philip B. Loh, head of the Korean Red Cross said the record had been compiled in six months.

## POSTAL SAVINGS OF CHINA SUCCESS

Eleven Savings Banks Were Opened in that Country in 1919—Progress Pleasing.

Shanghai, Feb. 16.—An experiment of the Chinese postal administration in providing facilities for postal savings is held to be successful in a report covering the new system's first six-months period that has been issued by the director-general of posts. Chinese postal savings banks were opened in eleven district head offices on July 1, 1919 and on the following October 15 branch banks were opened in 69 subsidiary post offices in these districts. In the first half year total deposits totalled \$154,051 and withdrawals \$46,535. Transactions numbered 6,860 making the average sum involved \$29. The appearance of the report in December, 1920 is in accordance with leisurely official practice in China. No figures have been compiled for 1920.

## REV. DR. EDWARDS OF TEXAS IS COMING

The Eighth Street Church of Christ has engaged Rev. Ben M. Edwards, formerly pastor of the Christian church at Paris, Texas, one the largest in the Lone Star state, to conduct their April meeting. This meeting will begin the middle of April and continue into early May. Dr. Edwards has resigned his pastorate and entered the evangelistic field and will make his headquarters at Kansas City, Missouri. The Eighth Street church is very fortunate in securing this evangelist, for their meeting, as he is dated far ahead. Dr. Shambart knowing of Mr. Edwards' entering the evangelistic field got into communication with him and secured this date to fit into the general program for the spring campaign in the church here.

FEEL BETTER AFTER SHAVE AND MEAL.



Lieut. L. A. Kloor, Jr., and Lieut. Walter Hinton, photographed a short time after their arrival at Mattice, Ontario, from Moose Factory. When the balloonists arrived at Mattice they were wearing several days' growth of beard. Their first command was for a razor. Their whiskers shaved off and justice done to a substantial hot meal, they declared themselves ready for whatever might come their way. Judging from the photo they are none the less down in sprit as the result of their hardships.

## 7,000 POP FOR CITY JUST 4 YEARS OLD

Lynch, Kentucky, Also Has Concrete Streets and Roads and a Department Store.

Lynch, Ky., Feb. 16.—This city is less than four years old and has a population of approximately 7,000 persons, concrete streets and roads, a department store that compares favorably with those of much larger cities, a \$300,000 hotel, a \$1,000,000 bank, the largest coal tipple in the world, an 85 bed hospital and a church of every denomination represented in eastern Kentucky. In the opinion of R. B. Clayton, secretary of the Harlan county coal operators' Association it will be the model mining camp of the country within two more years.

Sitting at the head of the valley of the Poor Fork of the Cumberland river, forty miles above the point where it joins the Clover Fork at Harlan to form the main stream, the town is the base of what is said will be the largest coal-operation in the Cumberland mountains when it is completed. Model cottages, for miners and officials are being erected as rapidly as possible. These homes have every modern convenience and are rented at the rate of \$2 per room for houses which are not heated from the central power house and at a figure based on the rate of \$2 per room plus the cost of radiation for homes heated with steam.

The only general store in the community rivals in its appointments and stock any department store in the largest cities of the country. A \$300,000 hotel has been erected on the highest accessible point in the valley. It is equipped throughout with all modern conveniences.

Concrete roads and streets are being built as rapidly as possible, the roads leading to the various points where the veins of coal in the mountains are expected to be opened.

### SENT TO ROADS 12 MONTHS FOR SELLING WHISKEY

Washington Edwards, colored, was sentenced to the roads of the county yesterday afternoon for a term of 12 months by Judge Cooper for selling whiskey. The defendant gave notice of an appeal to the superior court.

Peat contains from 80 to 90 per cent water.

### Little Bruin Says



Generally fair tonight and Thursday. Warmer tonight. Cooler Thursday. Fresh, southwest and west winds.

## PITT COUNTY CLUB OF UNIVERSITY

Have Completed their Social and Economic Survey for This County—Being Printed.

Chapel Hill, Feb. 16.—The members of the Pitt County Club at the University of North Carolina have completed their social and economic survey of Pitt county. It is now in the hands of the printers and will be out soon. "We stand for a greater University. We strive to cultivate a friendlier feeling between the county boys, we try to help the people back home," says M. B. Prescott, of Ayden, president of the Pitt county club, elected at the first meeting of the Pitt county boys this year. Elected to serve with him for the rest of the year were: Mr. W. J. Smith, of Greenville, secretary and Mr. C. E. Prescott, of Ayden, treasurer. The club according to the president's report is doing good work. Occasional get-together meetings are held in which Pitt county conditions and problems are discussed. Since the completion of the social and economic survey of the county, the club has devoted itself to putting before the people of its county the needs of the University, and urging its people to support the movement for a larger University.

## NATIONAL MEET OF WOMAN'S PARTY

Has Assembled in Washington for Obtaining National Legislation for Women.

Washington, Feb. 16.—The National Convention of the Woman's Party, called to adopt a program for obtaining national and state legislation relating to women, got down to work today, receiving reports from various committees. These were considered at the opening session and are to be followed tonight by addresses of representatives of women's organizations in foreign countries.

Mrs. Velma Swanson Howard, of Sweden, is to describe the operations of Sweden's new marriage law, providing for equal rights of married women with their husbands in the control of their children, and Madame Riviere will describe the efforts of French women to obtain suffrage. Other speakers will be Princess Anne Azgeptian, of Roumania and Madame De Verra, of the Philippines. Mrs. Bainbridge Colby, wife of the secretary of State, will welcome the foreign delegates.

Representatives of all political parties will be heard by the convention tomorrow on the legislation which they propose in the interest of women. On tomorrow's program also are speakers from various women's organizations, who will tell what those organizations are doing. The speakers will include Miss Margaret Wilson, daughter of the President, Miss Julia Lathrop, Chief of the Federal Children's Bureau; Mrs. Florence Kelley, Secretary of the National Consumer's League; Miss Lida Hafford, Washington Director of the Federation of Women's Clubs, Miss Ethel Smith, legislative secretary of the Woman's Trade Union League and Mrs. Ellis Yost, legislative Chairman of the National W. C. T. U.

The last day of the convention, Friday, will be given over to business matters.

## ESCAPED CONVICT IS REARRESTED

Thomas Gibbs, colored, who is serving a sentence on the county roads for vagrancy and assault, escaped from the chain gang yesterday morning. Gibbs was a trusty in the camp and took advantage of this privilege to take the gravel train. The police of the city were notified that Gibbs had gone and they were instructed to be on the lookout.

Last night around 12 o'clock Chief Jones thought it might be well to pay a visit over in the Mill Town section. Looking around the chief happened to run full tilt right into the said Gibbs. He was arrested and this morning had his hearing before Judge Cooper in the county court. The Judge decided to hand him thirty days sentence and with the thirty day adjournment and with the thirty day adjournment he will have to help build the roads of the county 110 days. He was taken back to the camp today.

## IT IS SO ORDERED ACCEPTED AS FINAL

These Words Conclude Opinions Handed Down by the United States Supreme Court.

Washington, Feb. 16.—The phrase "and it is so ordered with which so many decisions of the United States supreme court are concluded is accepted by the legal profession not only of the United States but of the world as the nearest approach there is to absolute finality.

Petitions for rehearing of cases are not infrequently occupying much the same position in practice before the supreme court the routine motion for a new trial does in the county or city courts, but occasions on which the supreme court has granted such petitions are so rare that the exceptions are historical.

Necessity of bringing a legal dispute to a close at some point is said to have influenced the policy of the court in this regard, a policy which has stood since the days of Chief Justice Marshall. A secondary consideration is the fact that the court is always from eighteen months to two years behind its calendar and, unless optimistic attorneys were curbed somewhere, the most trivial "cause" might be prolonged almost indefinitely.

Only two clear cut cases in which the court has agreed to reconsider its formal decision are recalled by veteran attaches. The most famous was the appearance of the late Gen. Benjamin F. Butler as a "friend of the court" to point out what he thought was a palpable error in the judgment given in America Emigrant Company vs. Adams County. The story is told that Gen. Butler himself hesitated to take up the question of a rehearing especially since the formal motion had been denied but upon reading the record in the case he determined that the highest American court should not be permitted to rest under the false construction it had promulgated.

"If your honors will read by brief, I am certain you will be inclined to thank me," he is said to have replied when the bench called his attention to the violation of practice—if not of clear ethics—he was making.

The court read the brief and voluntarily reversed itself. The second outstanding incident was that of the original suits over the federal income tax, heard in 1895. The first judgment upheld the act partially, but declared it invalid in respect to certain important classes of property. William D. Guthrie, of counsel for the interests fighting the statute, presented a petition for rehearing, although his associates are said to have argued strongly that "he let well enough alone."

To their surprise the court granted the rehearing and finally covered itself in part by declaring the entire act unconstitutional. It was this decision which led directly to enactment of the Sixteenth Amendment giving congress the power to levy a tax on all income no matter from what source derived. The Amendment did away with the constitutional restriction which forbade the imposition of a direct tax unless it was apportioned to each state according to population. The rule of the court on rehearing, as stated by Chief Justice Taft in 1852, is simple. No rehearing would be granted, he said, "unless a justice who voted for the judgment, votes for the rehearing of it."

"When this court has made a decision," a prominent attorney, said in the course of arguing a famous case of the past, "it is like a decree of Venice, irreversible; and like the laws of Medea and Persians which altered not, neither do they change. The decision of this court is the end of the law."

### STATE BAND COMING

The State College Band has about thirty members in it. Those who were so fortunate as to hear it last year know how well they can play and will not miss hearing them again this year. It is seldom that the town has an opportunity to hear a good band and everybody loves a brass band. The time is Saturday evening, the place the Training School, the time 8 o'clock, the price is \$1.00 for adults, 50 for children.

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