

THE LEGISLATURE

THE GOOD ROADS ADVOCATES GIVE IMPETUS TO HIGHWAY LEGISLATION

Raleigh, Feb. 3.—Doughton-Connor road bill advocates rally supporters from tip to tip of the state, staged their remonstrance so effectively in the hall of the house of representatives this afternoon that the road legislation lacks apparently only the formalities to become law.

As a climax to three hours of advocacy, Representative Everett, of Durham, pledged his support if the committee passing on his bill cannot see what he regards the greater merits of his own. Representative Maguire, of Surry, followed suit with a pledge to push the general assembly as far toward the \$100,000,000 provided in the Maguire bill as it will be possible to make the body go.

The hearing began with the assembly hall and the galleries overran. Carloads of far-away visitors had come here to speak for the bill. In the morning a preliminary conference centered on the measure offered by the two house members. It is the bill which was prepared, in sentiment at least, by the North Carolina Good Roads association and backed by the Citizens' Highway association.

SECRETARY DANIELS IS IN FULL ACCORD WITH GOV.'S PROGRAM

Instead Of Dynamiting Governor He Gives Him A Boost

Raleigh, Feb. 3.—Retiring Secretary Joe Daniels, advance announced to be on the way to Raleigh with a dynamite to blow up his excellency, Governor Cam Morrison, came to town today, and before the general assembly employed his high explosive to blast out the Morrison right of way.

The secretary was in rapport with the gov. on roads, schools, authority, responsibility, and the short ballot. Caught up and carried before the general assembly with a quarter-hour only for preparation, the hasty secretary betrayed the fact that he has been reading some North Carolina newspaper, if not his own, and is sticking a pin where Morrison has trod.

He besought the general assembly not to settle its problems in fear. "There is one thing that the people back home will tolerate," he declared, "they will forgive anything but pessimism and looking backward." And his forward look was to the time when "neither in Washington nor in Raleigh will there be issued and booted without taxation."

He championed a great trusteeship for public servants. He would have the state's institutions of higher learning brought under one head and called the state university. He would have the proper agency for all other institutions. He would give the governor power to choose his own cabinet and elect only governor and auditor by popular vote. He would make the auditor comptroller.

DRESSMAKING DEMONSTRATIONS.

First Lesson in Course of Work on Dressmaking to Groups of Enthusiastic Women and Girls.

Mrs. Florence R. Winn, Lincoln Home Demonstration Agent had her last week Miss Maude E. Wallace, who is assistant to Mrs. Jane S. McKimmon, State Home Demonstration Agent. The work in dressmaking was given at two centers gathering in girls and women from other sections.

The first lesson covered a discussion on the figure and the use of commercial patterns, also how to alter patterns properly in order to fit the body. In this way it is hoped to make the home-made garments look better and at the same time make the work easier.

Use of Commercial Patterns. A—Buying commercial patterns. 1—Buy only standard makes; 2—Buy waists according to bust measure; 3—Buy skirts according to hip measure.

Alteration of Patterns. (A) To increase bust measure draw a line down from the center of shoulder to center of bust, on both pieces of pattern. Cut, separate pieces enough to give 1-4 of whole amt. needed on both front and back.

ASHEVILLE OFFICERS SLIDE HEAD FOREMOST INTO COMPLETE OUTFIT. Asheville, Feb. 1.—A little "underworld" was explored thoroughly by hundreds of persons early this afternoon when many laymen witnessed for the first time an illicit still in full operation near the heart of the city, following discovery of a complete outfit buried in the basement of a little dwelling on Biltmore avenue.

SPRAINED LITTLE FINGER IN 16-STORY FALL. New York, Feb. 3.—Nathan Cahen, structural iron worker who planned from the top of a 16-story building in Broadway yesterday, reported for work this morning. His fall through space was broken by a heavy canvas debris receptacle stretched from the fifth tier. His little finger was sprained.

LINCOLN MAN DIES IN CHARLOTTE

R. J. Sifford, One of Oldest and Most Prominent Charlotte Citizens—End Came Suddenly.

Friday morning's Charlotte Observer, contained an account of the death of Mr. R. J. Sifford, who was born and reared in Lincoln county, the old homestead being in East Lincoln.

Mr. Sifford had been up street and visited several stores and shops during the morning. He returned home and, not feeling well, laid down in the lounge, death coming a few minutes later. He had suffered with high blood pressure and heart trouble at times and had not been feeling well for a few days.

Mr. Sifford was born in Lincoln county, April 25, 1837, the youngest and last survivor of a family of 14 children, the son of the late John Sifford and Elizabeth Berr Sifford.

Wilson Calls Special Session of the Senate. Washington, Feb. 3.—President Wilson, acting on the recently communicated request of President-elect Harding, today issued a proclamation calling a special session of the senate to convene March 4.

ARMY OF ONLY 150,000. Washington, Feb. 3.—A definite step toward reduction of the regular army to 150,000 men was taken today when the house approved an appropriation sufficient only for the maintenance for a force that size for the fiscal year beginning July 1.

HOUSE PROVIDES FOR. The general pleaded that the army and its officers be "protected from muckrakers who pick fly specks."

There Were Grafters. Asked about grafters who followed the American army to France, Mr. Daves said: "Yes, they were there, some of the most despicable characters on earth, trying to help the army by selling it things it needed at exorbitant figures."

BROADSIDE IS TURNED LOOSE BY GEN. DAVES AGAINST ARMY CRITICS

Bitterly Attacks the Congressional Investigations. Is A Partisan Attempt Declares It An Effort to Blacken The Name of The Whole American Army.

Washington, Feb. 3.—Another broadside was let loose by Charles G. Daves today against the congressional methods of investigating the conduct of the war.

Mr. Daves said he was engaged in the wholesale grocery business, associated with J. S. Walker. Later he was one of the organizers of the second building and loan association, the old Peoples, and for a number of years was secretary and treasurer of the association.

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General Daves declared the United States aviation program had been a "terrible failure" largely because of "over-confidence and inexperience."

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BILL FOR THE SCHOOL BONDS

Representative Quickel Thursday introduced a bill in the legislature authorizing the town of Lincoln to vote for improvement of Lincoln's public school system.

At any rate it will be put up to the voters as to whether the school trustees shall be given the money needed for schools for growing Lincoln.

Three men killed and one seriously injured when a railway train ran down an automobile near Greenville, S. C., Sunday. It appears that there is really no way to get all automobile drivers to be reasonably careful of their lives and the lives of those accompanying them.

Mr. Daves, who denounced the smelling committee so vigorously in Washington Wednesday, is distinctly of the "you-tell-em" type.

Italy wants to know what sort of immigrants we want in this country. The answer is the same sort she wants to keep at home.—Cincinnati Times Star.

Lexington, Va., Feb. 4.—Washington and Lee's quint defeated Davidson college here tonight, 31 to 28, in a game marked by the inferior shooting of both teams.

General Daves said that the value of their work had been rendered useless through injection of partisan politics.

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VERDICT OF GUILTY AGAINST WESTMORELAND

Statesville, Feb. 4.—The jury in the case of Will Westmoreland whose trial has been in progress since yesterday morning charged with the murder of James H. Nantz on October 20, took the case this afternoon at 6 o'clock.

At 8:30 tonight the jury came into the court room and announced a verdict of first degree murder. Westmoreland received the verdict without apparent emotion or concern.

Senator Simmons Receiving Many Letters From All Sections of the Country. Washington, Feb. 3.—Senator Simmons is receiving many letters of congratulations on his recent speech against the Fordney, so-called emergency tariff bill.

Senator Simmons is impressed by the change of sentiment toward the Fordney bill. It has been particularly demonstrated by the change in the attitude of North Carolinians who have expressed themselves to the Senator on the matter.

Senate Reverses Action. Passing Salary Measure. Reversing its action of the previous day, the Senate yesterday passed the bill increasing the salaries of heads of State Departments and judges by a vote of 27 to 21.

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SHORT ITEMS

Graham White, negro, convicted of killing Grover Henderson last September, is sentenced to death in the electric chair, by Judge Harding, in Mecklenburg superior court.

Senator Overman and Simmons received hundreds of telegrams, mostly from the Charlotte section, protesting against passage of the Smith-Towner bill.

Greenboro, Feb. 3.—John C. Ingram, a contractor and builder fell 95 feet from a scaffold on an apartment house here today, crushing the top of his skull. He was still living at a late hour tonight, but it is thought his injuries prove fatal.

Washington, Feb. 2.—Doors of distilleries and bonded warehouses in every State in the Union, Hawaii and Porto Rico were ordered indefinitely closed against liquor withdrawals today by Prohibition Commissioners.

Belvin W. Mavnard, the "Flying Parson," is to speak in Charlotte this month under the auspices of the Junior Order councils.

At the regular meeting of the Cherryville board of aldermen last Tuesday evening it was ordered that all the principal sidewalks in Cherryville be paved, and that Main street be hard surfaced.

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