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CAPITAL CITY NEWS BUDGET

Doings of The Legislature in Raleigh

Special to The Sun.

Raleigh, N. C., Feb. 3.—The committee on finance in joint session of the sub-committee learned last evening from Messrs. Hancock of Oxford, Bradham of New Bern and Huxford of Fayetteville, all fighting the bill to put a license tax on all manufacturers, bottlers and dealers in Coca-Cola and drinks containing caffeine for the benefit of the public schools, which had been reported unfavorably by the committee on education of the House. The finance committee will do likewise. The bill provided for a tax of fifty dollars on manufacturers and bottlers and five dollars on retail dealers.

Unfavorable also will be the report on the bill by Representative Cotton to tax the business of selling or giving away coupons and presents in connection with the sale of cigarettes, cigars and tobacco ten per cent of gross receipts.

A like fate met Mr. Connor's resolution to repeal the tax on peddlers of manufactured tobacco and to promote competition among manufacturers of tobacco.

The dog tax bill for the betterment of the public schools and training of the children for life's work will go to the House without prejudice, the committee declining to take the responsibility of turning it down.

Favorable will be the report on Mr. Rodwell's bill amending the slot machine act of 1907, so as to exempt slot machines from which drinking water is sold.

The Senate continues to play around the early adjournment proposition. Senator Elliott has introduced a resolution that the finance committee be requested to make its report by February 21st, no new bills to be introduced after February 15th, and Senator Fry a resolution fixing a limit for the introduction of bills. A motion by the latter senator yesterday to get his resolution away from the committee on rules was voted down by a good majority.

By 29 to 3 the deliberative branch of the General Assembly has routed Senator Ray's measure to allow a rate of interest as high as eight per cent in cases of special private contract. The vote followed a long debate, Senator Fry contending for the bill and Senators Doughton, Bassett, Emple and Hankins fighting it. The committee on judiciary had turned it down, but it came up on a minority report signed by Senators Lockhart, Klutz, Fry and others.

The House enjoyed another discussionless day, the third running. Lots of work was disposed of, with many empty seats and Speaker protom Morton in the Speaker's chair again.

Chairman Bowie of the committee on federal relations tried manfully to get the House to change its mind about the Senate bill allowing the governor to appoint a commission to confer with similar commissions of other States with a view toward uniform legislation by the States of the Union regarding marriage and divorce, descent and property and other things. The House let him get the vote reconsidered by which the bill was tabled the other day, and then proceeded deliberately to knock it in the head again after Mr. Currie had declared it was utterly worthless. In vain Mr. Bowie had explained that he knew practically nothing of the bill, but it was Senator Manning's and had been recommended by the bar association.

Among the many bills passed on final reading by the House was a system of regulating the registration, sale and inspection of condimental stock foods, condition powders and stock medicines; Senate bill incorporating the North Carolina Public Service Company to run a railway from Greensboro to High Point; restoring all property rights to persons discharged from asylums for the insane on certificate of recovery from the Superintendent of the Hospital; facilitate release of mortgages and deeds of title.

Representative Grant of Davie, has introduced several bills which show the attitude of the Republican party in North Carolina toward organized labor. One is for the protection of employees as strikers of labor unions, and makes it unlawful for an employer to prevent another from joining, joining or belonging to any labor union, or from being a member of any such union. Another bill is for the protection of strikers, making it unlawful for any person to be employed by any employer who is engaged in a strike, or to be employed by any employer who is engaged in a strike, or to be employed by any employer who is engaged in a strike.

TENTH JUROR IS ACCEPTED

But Is Acquainted With a Defendant

By Wire to The Sun.

Nashville, Tenn., Feb. 3.—The tenth juror in the Cooper-Carnanek case was accepted this morning at 9:30 o'clock. He is a young farmer, J. A. Woodruff. He knows John D. Sharp, one of the defendants. The third panel of the fourth venire was taken this morning. Woodruff was the tenth man called on this panel. Fifty names were on it, which contained 102 names.

Nashville, Tenn., Feb. 3.—Two more jurors were added in the Cooper murder case this morning. Both are farmers. This leaves but one positive vacancy in the jury box. If juror Whitworth is unseated, two more will have to be secured. One of the jurors elected this morning said he was a friend of defendant Sharp, but would not allow his friendship for him to influence his oath as juror.

The defense seemed surprised when State accepted him.

In The Legislature.

Raleigh, N. C., Feb. 4.—Resolution was presented in the House today against Mr. Morton's bill to exempt New Hanover county from the prohibition law.

The bill to relieve ex-treasurer Worth of further liability was reported favorably. This is in connection with the delinquency in his office while State Treasurer.

Raleigh, N. C., Feb. 3.—Senator Pharr introduced a bill to promote the proper management of forests in North Carolina. Also one to regulate the powers of corporations. Senator Nimrocks introduced a bill to regulate land surveys and Senator Barringer a bill to encourage agriculture.

Plane Factory Burning.

New York, Feb. 3.—The plano factory of Newby and Evans, is burning to the ground and the fire is so fierce there is danger of spreading to other factories.

Several hundred employees, majority of whom are men, are being taken from the burning building by elevators, fire escapes and ladders.

Three alarms have been sent in, but the snow-clogged streets are delaying the engines.

126 Negroes Arraigned.

Pittsburg, Pa., Feb. 3.—126 negroes were arraigned in the police court this morning and given various sentences as a sequence of a spectacular police raid made last night. During the past week eight attempted assaults on young girls have been made in the negro section and the raid followed such attack last night.

Magoon Calls on President.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 3.—Charles E. Magoon, former governor of Cuba, called on the President today and told him he had left affairs in first-class condition in Cuba.

Gomez administration should have plain sailing and a new government would transact business of the island in a satisfactory manner.

Inequality Bill Passed.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 3.—Senate passed bill to correct inequalities in rank of nine cavalry and infantry of fliers, due to system of promotion prior to act of 1896.

MARKET REPORT.

Cotton: By Wire to The Sun. New York, Feb. 3.—Business opening cotton fairly active, undertone steady. Opening: Mar. 9.55; May 9.51; July 9.46; Oct. 9.25. Stocks: New York, Feb. 3.—Gains all around in stock market today. Copper stocks prominent. Amalgamated and Smelt- ing up 1-8; Anaconda 7-8 higher; Tennessee copper gained 1 point. Leading railroad issues were Reading, Union Pacific, and Southern Pacific.

BANK RECORDS DISAPPEAR

Prosecution Unable to Find Them

By Wire to The Sun.

New York, Feb. 3.—A sensation was caused by the announcement today, that important records of the Borough Bank, of Brooklyn, by which the prosecution counted as its chain of evidence to convict William H. Gow, on trial in Brooklyn Supreme Court for embezzling \$145,000, had disappeared.

The papers disappeared late yesterday and District Attorney Clark and Assistant, Mr. Elder, are unable to find them. The accused banker will be called as his own witness.

VIRGINIAN FOR CABINET.

Meredith Said to Be Picked, But He Denies All Knowledge of It.

Richmond, Va., Feb. 3.—A widespread rumor is current in political circles in Virginia to the effect that official announcement is soon to be made of the appointment of Wyndham R. Meredith, of this city, former president of the State Bar Association, who bolted the Democratic party last fall, to cast his political fortunes with the so-called Taft Democrats, to the portfolio of Attorney General, in the cabinet of President-elect Taft.

It is known that Mr. Taft is endeavoring to break through the solid South, and it is believed that the appointment of a Virginian to a cabinet would do much to build up the Republican party in this State. When seen this afternoon in regard to the rumor, Mr. Meredith at first took a jocular view of the matter, but, later, becoming serious, he disclaimed any knowledge of such an honor.

Churchland Baptist Church Burned.

Churchland, Va., Feb. 3.—The Baptist Church here, the handsomest country church in the State, just completed following renovation, was destroyed by fire yesterday. The negro janitor, after making a hot fire, went to sleep, and came near being cremated. Loss, \$15,000, insurance \$7,600.

Hardy Trial to Begin Today.

Suffolk, Va., Feb. 3.—Sam Hardy, accused of slaying Tiberius Gracchus Jones, today will be arraigned for his life. Attorneys on both sides say there is no known reason for a further continuance. They expect to obtain a jury from the 40 veniremen summoned.

BASS' ALE BARON IS DEAD.

Lord Burton Succumbs to Operation at the Age of Sixty-Two.

London, Feb. 3.—Michael Arthur Bass, first Baron Burton, died in London this evening. He underwent an operation for an internal complaint last week.

He was born in 1837, and was director of Bass & Co. limited.

CASTRO ACCUSED OF PLOT.

Venezuelan Court Takes Up Case Against Exiled President.

Caracas, Feb. 3.—In accordance with instructions from Senator Alcantara, minister of the interior, the attorney general will bring suit in the high federal court against Cipriano Castro, former president of Venezuela on the charge of having sought to cause the assassination of President Jose Vicente Gomez.

Minister Alcantara's communication to the attorney general was accompanied by documentary evidence, which, he said, "was collected at the investigation into an abortive plot against the life of Vice-President Gomez, the constitutional charge of the presidency."

"The documents show that the black hand conspiracy, which happily was frustrated by the presence of mind of the supreme magistrature, was the result of suggestions, advice, and orders of Gen. Castro."

The court already has decided that adequate proof has been furnished for the beginning of the action against Castro.

King Guest of Dr. Egan.

Copenhagen, Feb. 3.—Dr. Maurice F. Egan, the American minister to Denmark, and Mrs. Egan last night gave a dinner to the king. All the foreign representatives and their wives were present.

ENDS HER LIFE UNDER STRAIN

Broke Down Under Constantly Nursing

By Wire to The Sun.

Philadelphia, Pa., Feb. 3.—Refusing to leave the bedside of her sick mother, although she had been repeatedly warned that she was ill enough herself to be under the doctor's care, the mind of Mrs. Mary E. Cliff, a young married woman, suddenly gave way under the double strain yesterday, and she ended her life some time during the early morning at the home of her parents by swallowing a solution of bichloride of mercury.

Mrs. Cliff, who is a dressmaker, not yet 29 years of age, has a daughter 9 years old. About a month ago her mother, who lives at No. 5141 Girard avenue, was taken sick, and since that time the daughter has been in constant attendance at her bedside. Worn out from her nightly vigils, she arose to perform some service for her mother about half-past 1 yesterday morning, and, after complaining of severe pains in the head, suddenly left the room.

The mother, who was in bed in the second floor front room, was startled a few moments later by the sound of a falling body. Thinking her daughter had fainted, she crept out of bed and crawled along the floor to the door. Becoming suddenly weak, she gave one call for help and sank unconscious.

An aunt, who was also sleeping on the second floor, immediately responded, and on rushing into the bathroom she found Mrs. Cliff lying on the floor, groaning, but unconscious, with an empty glass beside her. She rushed out into the street and summoned Dr. C. P. Ellis, of Fifty-second and Thompson streets. Dr. Ellis arrived within five minutes after the woman had drunk the deadly dose, and, although he did everything possible to save her, she was beyond the reach of antidotes and died an hour later.

Prolonged ill-health is ascribed by the police as the reason for the young woman's act, although her relatives claim that she had been using the poison for medical purposes and drank the deadly mixture by accident.

CANADA TREATY NOT SECRET

Denials Made That Recent Negotiations Were Withheld From The Dominion.

London, Feb. 3.—The Canadian correspondents of the English papers have been sending complaints that the terms of the waterways treaty between the United States and Canada, recently signed at Washington by Secretary Root and the British ambassador, James Bryce, were kept secret from Canada.

The British foreign office today issued a statement that from beginning to end the whole affair was negotiated with the full knowledge and acquiescence of the Canadian government, at whose instigation the draft of the treaty was prepared.

The statement adds that all amendments were proposed by Canada or referred to Ottawa, and concurred in by the Canadian government before being embodied in the treaty.

Water-Filled Tank Burned.

Lynchburg, Va., Feb. 3.—A wooden tank, containing 10,000 gallons of water, on the farm of Senator Thomas, and valued at \$600, caught fire while a pipe was being thawed, and was burned down.

GAMBLING HOUSE HELD UP.

Thieves Get Away With \$8,147 From Goldfield Resort.

Goldfield, Nev., Feb. 3.—Three masked men held up the Mohawk saloon, one of the biggest gambling houses here, and got away with \$3,147 early this morning. Entering the front door in Indian file, with guns drawn, they lined up about twenty men who were in the place.

Then one went behind the bar, looted the cash register, got the key to the safe and took all the bank roll and coin sacks he could find, and walked out of the saloon while the others covered his retreat.

King Guest of Dr. Egan.

Copenhagen, Feb. 3.—Dr. Maurice F. Egan, the American minister to Denmark, and Mrs. Egan last night gave a dinner to the king. All the foreign representatives and their wives were present.

FLED WITH CASHIER'S SATCHEL

Clever Thieves Rob Victim of \$1,000 While He is Eating Dinner.

By Wire to The Sun.

Chicago, Feb. 3.—A satchel containing nearly \$1,000 was stolen from behind the cashier's desk in a restaurant today by two men.

R. S. Swain, auditor and collector of the restaurant, which is one of several conducted under the same management, had made the rounds of the other places and had stopped for lunch.

While he was eating, a man diverted his attention for a minute and a second man seized the satchel and fled.

Two Hundred Chinese Die in Fire.

Canton, China, Feb. 3.—At least 200 lives were lost in a fire which occurred today in a fleet of flower boats. The charred bodies of 170 victims have already been recovered, but many persons are still missing.

STAR-SPANGLED BANNER LAW.

Indiana Legislature Wants Missing Stanza Sung in Public Schools.

Indianapolis, Ind., Feb. 3.—A bill was introduced in the legislature today ordering the State board of education to provide for the singing of "The Star-Spangled Banner" in the public schools at stated times. The bill provides that all the song shall be sung.

The author of the bill said that the third stanza is omitted from the song books used in the public schools, and that the stanza was stricken out because an Englishman objected to it.

Under the bill the State board of education will have to see that the stanza is restored and the entire song sung at stated times.

Their Strange Relationship.

Abingdon, Va., Feb. 3.—The marriage of Miss Floy Moore, aged 16, and S. L. Jackson, of Smyth county, aged 27, is of unique features. The second wife of the bride's father is a sister of Jacksons, and she now becomes also his mother-in-law. Mr. Moore is both father-in-law and brother-in-law to the bridegroom.

Schools Close for Lack of Funds.

Annapolis, Feb. 3.—Owing to lack of funds, the colored public schools of Anne Arundel county have closed for the remainder of the school year. In some cases the teachers are endeavoring to keep their schools open by soliciting private subscriptions.

RACE TROUBLE FOLLOWS GIRL.

Congregational College in Illinois Upset by Coed From Berea.

Chicago, Feb. 3.—Coeds at the Congregational College at Wheaton are in furor today over the arrival at this fashionable institution of a young negro woman. The college authorities may have to take charge with a heavy hand to bring quiet out of the affair.

The young woman, Miss Nelly Bright was recently put out of Berea College, in Kentucky, as the result of a race war, and her advent in Wheaton threatens to precipitate a like struggle.

In the case of the Berea College, the authorities took the case to the United States Supreme Court and gained the power to exclude negro pupils.

Wreck on Seaboard.

Abbeville, Feb. 3.—Three men were instantly killed when the Seaboard freight trains numbers 20 and 29 collided, six miles north of here early this morning.

The dead are: Engineer, CLYDE MOORE, Fireman, L. H. NICKLES, Colored brakeman.

The trains were running at high speed when they met on a long trestle. Both locomotives and ten cars were totally demolished.

\$25,000 TO HAMPTON COLLEGE.

Bequest by Philadelphia Woman, Who Left \$120,000 for Charity.

Philadelphia, Feb. 3.—Under the will of the late Mary Lewis, of this city, probated today, \$50,000 is given to Hampton Normal and Agricultural Institute at Hampton, Va. The will disposes of a large estate, and a total of \$120,000 is given to charities.

HIDDEN HOARD LED TO MURDER

Amos Beach, Neighbor Arrested.

By Wire to The Sun.

Lancaster, Pa., Feb. 3.—With almost \$3,000 of hidden treasure turned up in all conceivable hiding places in the house yesterday's murder of Farmer Alfred Haulman, in Piqua township, by two masked robbers, who were unable to lay hands on much if any of their victim's hoard, led to the arrest today of Amos Beach on suspicion. He lives in the neighborhood and has been frequently arrested for minor offenses. He came to this city, and his talk in saloons, giving details of the murder, revealed secrets that could only be known by a person who was in the house. He was locked up until his statement that he was at home at the time of the murder can be investigated.

Haulman, who lived in an unpretentious, one-story frame house, lost several hundred dollars by the failure of the City Trust Company, and vowed he would never put any more money in a bank. His aversion to banks was well known.

The men who murdered the old farmer wore masks, and the inmates of the house so badly scared that all the description they can give is that one was taller than the other. When these masked men walked into the house and pointed revolvers at the inmates and demanded money, Mrs. Haulman, from her sick-bed, directed her neighbor, Mrs. Angeline Cramer, to get money in a tin can for the men. She secured the can of money, but instead of giving it to the men she ran from the house. The robbers shot at her but missed her. Enraged at losing this money, which they evidently thought was all they discharged several shots in rapid succession. Old man Haulman fell dead with a bullet in his brain, and Amos Kreider, a visitor, was shot in the neck and shoulder. He is not fatally injured. Mrs. Haulman has not yet been informed of the death of her husband, as she is so critically ill that it is feared the shock would kill her.

The son of the murdered man, who lives on an adjoining farm took charge of affairs at the house today. He began a systematic search for money, and found it in many places. Between the leaves of the family Bible were found many bank notes. Money was also found in cups in the cupboard, in buckets, under the carpet and between feather beds. He succeeded in finding about \$3,000, which was brought to this city and deposited in bank. He expects to find considerable more.

It is believed that the murder was committed by some one living in the neighborhood, who knew that Haulman kept all his savings in the house, and also knew of the old woman's illness and that Haulman was in failing health and could offer but little resistance to their securing plunder.

A similar murder was committed in this county on July 1, 1904, when Samuel Reisher, an aged tollgate keeper, was killed. His murderers, Lee Furman and John O'Brien, were caught in Virginia and were executed on June 29, 1905.

Forty-Niner Hangs Himself.

Corry, Pa., Feb. 3.—Seur Woodin, 30 years old, who during the gold excitement of 1849 made the overland trip to California, hanged himself today in his bedroom.

CALLS BISHOP A GRATER.

Rev. Dr. Harmon Makes Charges Against Dr. Smith to College.

Atlanta, Ga., Feb. 3.—Formal charges of grafting and tyranny were today made against Bishop Charles Spencer Smith, of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, who resides in Atlanta, and who superintends the work of the church in Georgia and other Southern States. The charges are made by the Rev. Dr. Harmon and other African Methodist Episcopal ministers in Georgia. They will be passed upon by the college of bishops.

The charges allege that Bishop Smith in making appointments forced preachers who were given good places to pay him for making the appointments. If the preachers refused, they were sent to poor places.

It is also alleged Bishop Smith published two booklets and forced his preachers to buy them at \$1 apiece. The bishop is also accused of forcing each presiding elder to pay him \$3 in order to keep up the Episcopal wardrobe.