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CAPITAL CITY NEWS BUDGE

Doings of The Legislature in Raleigh

Special to The Sun.

Raleigh, N. C., Feb. 17.—One proposed new county is to have a fight for life on the floor of the Senate this session in spite of the announcement that has gone forth that this legislature is not to create any new counties and of the fact that the other three movements for new counties—Hoke, North Robeson and Moseley—all consequently met death or at least "hibernation" for two years in committees. The more fortunate county is Avery, proposed to be created out of a part of Mitchell, the county being divided about in half, and Linville being the proposed county seat of the new county. The Senate committee on counties, cities and towns took its favorable action last evening and so reported the bill today. However there is understood to be little prospect of the bill getting through the House even if it should pass the Senate under the favorable committee auspices. However it is sure to consume several hours debate.

The bill by Senator Means to stop drug stores from filling prescriptions for intoxicants and for establishing a medical dispensary for Concord was heard yesterday afternoon by the joint committee on propositions and grievances with the result that there was a unanimous decision to report the bill unfavorably. It was a notable argument and remarkable conditions were represented to exist at Concord. Rev. Plato Durham headed a delegation here advocating the medical dispensary. They declared that there was a violation of the law by druggists but that witnesses could not be induced to testify and furthermore that to punish for violations might lead to putting convict stripes on members of some of the best and oldest families of that section entailing shame on generations of good families. Instead they wanted the condition eliminated with the medical-intoxicant dispensary.

Against the bill the principal speakers were ex-Gov. Jarvis and W. G. Means. These gentlemen took the ground that the present State prohibition law and the special acts as to Concord and Cabarrus county were ample to enforce prohibition and that the advocates of the medical dispensary should take steps to enforce the law regardless of consequences. Mr. Means declared that he had a son-in-law in the drug business at Concord, and if he violated the law he should receive the punishment. He was for enforcing the law regardless. Concord, he said had been prohibition since 1883 and Cabarrus gave State prohibition 120 majority in the recent election. He admitted that it is sold there, that it had been sold in violation of law all along and considerably more since the State prohibition went into effect but argued that this was to some extent due to the big supplies, enough for a year and more in many cases that had been laid in from Salisbury and elsewhere just before State prohibition became operative.

Governor Jarvis feared that legislation such as was asked, would endanger the State prohibition law and insisted that its machinery for law enforcement should apply to all parts of the State.

The joint committee on Insane Asylums heard Messrs. Edwin and Webb of the State Hospital Commission yesterday afternoon on features of the report and recommendations of the commission and then went in a body to the Central Hospital here to inspect the new male annex which B. C. Beckwith, of the board of Internal Improvements had pronounced not properly constructed and finished. The representatives of the commission were heard especially on the questions of having one board of directors for all three institutions and on their recommendation that the tuberculosis patients of the whole State be segregated preferably at the Meigs-Gannett hospital on account of their being such patients already there and the situation being such as is approved of most conducive to recovery. The committee took no action as to any of the matters.

The bill introduced in the House by Representative Taylor of Henderson, in case of increasing numbers, is to be taken up tomorrow with suitable appropriation for despatching the Whitehead and Southern mailboats and connecting same with a short

route to the Gulf of Mexico and the Panama Canal in carrying out the scheme of the Transcontinental Railway for a port of entry south of Hatteras, and especially with the idea of meeting the great commercial opportunities of the South to be afforded by the opening of the Panama Canal.

The House committee on insurance will report amendments to the insurance law allowing the State to expend fifteen thousand for insurance of State property instead of ten thousand, and putting all assessment, fraternal and society insurance under the control of the commissioner just as regular insurance companies.

Mr. Weaver's bill for the enforcement of the prohibition law in Buchanan county, providing for police inspection of near-beer establishments, gets favorable report.

Senator Ormond's bill allowing sheriffs twenty-five dollars for seizing illicit stills will be reported in the "do pass" class.

A hearing was given Mr. Connor's bill for the protection of employees of common carriers by the two House judiciary committees. The bill is similar to the federal law of employer's liability. It does away with the plea of contributory negligence in actions brought to recover damages for injuries to an employee, only allowing the jury in assessing damages to take into consideration such negligence if any. It also provides that any regulation or device whose purpose would be to exempt the railroad from liability in case of injury to employee shall be void, but that any payment made of relief benefit or indemnity by any common carrier shall be heard by the jury and deducted from such damages as may be awarded. Those who addresses the committee were Representative Connor, Division Counsel, W. B. Rodman, of the Southern Railway, Assistant General Counsel Elliott of the Coast Line and Senator Bassett.

DIES SAVING HER BABY

Mother Dies Trying to Protect Baby

By Wire to The Sun.

Willamport, Pa., Feb. 17.—Mrs. Robert Henderson, of Carpenter, yesterday afternoon leaped from a buggy, to which was attached a runaway horse and plunged down a narrow country road.

She had her four-months-old baby in her arms, and the baby was unharmed, but Mrs. Henderson's skull was fractured and she died in a short time.

A half-mile farther on the horse checked its speed of its own accord, and Mrs. Henderson's 5-year-old boy ran back to find her unconscious.

BISHOP HOSS UNDER KNIFE.

Reported Rallying From Severe Operation in Baltimore.

Baltimore, Feb. 17.—Bishop E. E. Hoss, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, underwent a surgical operation this morning at Johns Hopkins Hospital for intestinal trouble.

This afternoon he is reported as resting easier than earlier in the day, and not suffering much pain. Altogether the Bishop's condition, while serious, was regarded as most hopeful that at noon and all about him were hopeful for the best.

Bishop Hoss was upon the table nearly two hours, which was an hour longer than anticipated, and was due to the fact that the surgeons found his condition much worse than had been expected.

LOSES LEG, MAY LOSE LIFE.

Poisoning Develops as Result of Hurt to Big Toe.

By Wire to The Sun.

Wilmington, Del., Feb. 17.—With the hope of saving his life, Harry J. Stoeckle, president of the Joseph Stoeckle Brewing Company and a reputed millionaire, suffering with blood poisoning, yesterday had his left leg amputated at the knee.

About two months ago Mr. Stoeckle injured his great toe by treading upon a sharp needle, but paid no attention to the wound, and blood poisoning developed. Several weeks ago a portion of his foot was taken off, but it was found necessary to amputate the leg. Mr. Stoeckle remained the night with his wound being attended by his physician.

FRIDAY HIS TROUBLE DAY

Bank President Sure It Is Unlucky

By Wire to The Sun.

New York, Feb. 17.—It. W. S. Folts, president of the First National Bank of New Castle, Pa., surmises his present injuries, which confine him to a private room in Roosevelt Hospital, he vows that never again will he plan any deal or start on a trip on Friday.

Mr. Folts was crossing Broadway at Thirty-ninth street last Friday night when he was knocked down and run over by a taxicab. The chauffeur placed him in the car and hurried to Roosevelt Hospital. There physicians found that his right leg had been broken in two places.

Not long ago Mr. Folts arrived in New York for one of his periodical visits. He arrived on Friday and soon afterward developed pneumonia and for weeks hovered between life and death at the Presbyterian Hospital. One month ago he took passage on the ill-fated Republic, wrecked off Nantucket on a Friday.

AIR PIRATE DEFILES UNCLE SAM.

Giant Hawk Kills Pigeons in Post-Office Department.

By Wire to The Sun.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 17.—A special detail of police was necessary today to keep the streets in the vicinity of the Post Office Department clear of the curious throngs desiring to see a great hawk that has taken possession of the big stone turret, and preys on carrier pigeons.

All efforts to dislodge, capture or kill the bird have proven futile. The hawk is said to have been at least three feet tall. All day long passers-by on Pennsylvania avenue and the side streets involuntarily turned their eyes upward in the hope of catching a glimpse of the feathered outlaw who defies even the United States Government.

CARRIED TO SEA ON ICE.

Shift of Wind Caught Score of Fishermen Unaware.

By Wire to The Sun.

Euaufof, Feb. 17.—A score of fishermen and their dogs were carried out into Lake Erie this morning, when the ice field was set in motion by a shift in the wind. All were rescued except Joseph Catusky. The man and his dog team are missing, and are no doubt lost, as the ice was not more than five inches thick and so rotten that it must have broken up on reaching the open sea.

IMPRESSIVE CEREMONIES.

Will Mark The Unveiling of a Bronze Tablet in Washington.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 17.—Impressive ceremonies will mark the unveiling of a bronze tablet in the famous Octagon house here this afternoon to commemorate the signing of the treaty of Ghent.

The exercises will be in charge of the United States Daughters of 1812. An address will be delivered by Mrs. William Gerry Slade, of New York, president of the society.

The tablet will be unveiled by actual descendants of the war of 1812.

DIE IN STORM-RENT CHURCH.

Two Killed and Ten Hurt by Tornado in Mississippi.

Learned, Miss., Feb. 17.—A storm from the northwest struck this place this afternoon with terrible force, blowing down a negro church, killing Mrs. Dick Harris, a child of Maggie Bennett and injuring ten others.

Seventy-five persons were in the church at the time, and but for the arched ceiling all probably would have been killed.

Parish House Entertainment.

Last evening a large crowd assembled at Christ Church Parish House to witness the one act comedy production, "The Kleptomaniac." Those present said it was a most pleasing entertainment, each character receiving compliments for the marked ability in which they rendered their parts.

Following the comedy production, the melodrama "Three Old Maids" was heartily enjoyed and brought forth great applause. The evening's entertainment was much added to by the presentation of a few selections by the New Bern Grand Old Central

SHOOT'S GIRL AND HIMSELF

Parents of the Girl Objected To Him

By Wire to The Sun.

Reading, Pa., Feb. 17.—A case that has earmarks, murder and suicide, took place in a taxicab early this morning. A young man and woman are dead.

They got into a cab shortly after one o'clock and ordered the chauffeur to take them to a woman's home. After a short distance the chauffeur heard a pistol and the man ordered him to a hospital. Before reaching there he heard another shot. At the hospital it was found that both were dead. The parents of the girl did not approve of the man and she had announced her intention of breaking with him. This is believed to have precipitated a quarrel.

"GHOST" AT WINDOW SURE.

Scared Campaigners Against Wraith Flee Before Introduction.

By Wire to The Sun.

Wilkes-Barre, Feb. 17.—A party of young men of this city who started at midnight last night for an alleged haunted house in the suburbs to lay the "ghost" which it is said has been doing queer things there, returned to this city in a hurry and without some lanterns they had taken on their expedition.

The night was dark and rainy, and after some difficulty the party reached the lonely house. While standing outside discussing their plans there was a noise, and a white figure appeared at an upper window. The young men fled hastily.

Today they learned they had gone to the wrong house, and that the householder was about to lift the window to ask their troubles, when they ran.

PROHIBITION BILL BALKED.

Filibuster in South Carolina Probably Has Killed Measure.

By Wire to The Sun.

Columbia, S. C., Feb. 17.—After a sensational filibuster lasting several days, it appears that prohibition has been killed in this State. The Senate has a majority of four for local option, forces in the House are well organized to demand roll calls on hundreds of amendments.

The General Assembly will adjourn Saturday, which means that the prohibition movement will fall without a special session, which is practically impossible.

STORMS SCAR LUSITANIA.

Two Days Late Speedy Liner Emerges Out of Battle With Sea.

By Wire to The Sun.

New York, Feb. 17.—Held back for two days by fog and heavy seas, the big Cunard steamship Lusitania came to her dock today after the roughest voyage ever experienced by the turbine between here and Liverpool—Six feet of starboard rail on the boat deck was carried away by a boarding sea last Thursday. For three days the Lusitania battled with towering waves and slow time was made.

PROMINENT SUICIDES

An Editor And Actor Take Their Lives

By Wire to The Sun.

New York, Feb. 17.—Edward Gardner, actor of the play "Schoolboys," and composer of a number of popular songs, killed himself today at his home in Williamsburg by cutting his throat with a razor. He had just finished a new song, "School Mates," and lived with his sister. She found him in bed, but he died before the physician arrived.

Mrs. Joseph A. Moore, an aged resident, who had been suffering from cancer of the stomach for a long time, died at her home, near Mantua Grove, Mrs. Richard Hillman, a widely-known young woman, died from neuralgia of the heart at her home, on Broad street, after an hour's illness.

SISTER FLIES WITH WRIGHT.

Paul, France, Feb. 17.—Taking advantage of the return of fine weather, Wilbur Wright had his sister as a passenger in his airplane today. This was her first flight, and they remained in the air for eight minutes.

Prior to this Mr. Wright made a five-minute flight with the Countess Lambert as a passenger, and gave a 20-minute lesson to Count Lambert.

WILL WALK OUT OF TOMBS

C. W. Morse is Free in The Day Time

By Wire to The Sun.

New York, Feb. 17.—Charles W. Morse, under a sentence for 16 years for violating the National banking laws, and who is in the Tombs pending an appeal on writ of error, will walk out of the prison today and save for the presence of the deputy marshal who must remain at his side, no one would guess that he is not a free man. He may do just as he pleases during the day and all succeeding days, but he must return to the prison at night.

He will be allowed to do this until the higher court passes on his appeal.

There is a good deal of criticism of the matter. District Attorney Stinson said today that the formal order of the court which permitted Morse to leave the Tombs during the day was a revolutionary action in the matter of court procedure.

SOVES HOBBO PROBLEM.

One Lone Visitor to City Jail at Burlington.

By Wire to The Sun.

Burlington, N. J., Feb. 17.—Effects of the novel crusade against hoboes instituted by Patrolman Joseph McCormick, and waged by him single-handed, have almost cleared this vicinity of the pest. McCormick knew the antipathy of hoboes to work, and determined to try a practical experiment. Without saying a word to higher officials he put the wanderers to work sweeping pavements and street crossings.

"You've got to earn your board," McCormick told them, "if you're going to live on the city's hospitality."

The city's guests of this character averaged about 20 a night when the policeman started his crusade. Last night, usually the occasion for a full house, there was one solitary "boarder"—a negro—who said: "Ah done tried to git out of town fore dark, but de freights done run too fast fer me to cop a ride."

FAKERS KILL REFORM.

Y. M. C. A. Speaker Says Christ Kept Out of Politics.

By Wire to The Sun.

Atlantic City, Feb. 17.—Declaring that Christ was a really great reformer because he kept out of politics, Professor J. J. Jenks, of Cornell University, insisted before the final meeting of the State Y. M. C. A. last night that model reforms often defeat their own ends by entering the field of political battle. "Christ was the greatest social reformer the world has ever known," he said. "He had the fundamental principles by which to guide us in politics, but he kept out of all political movements."

Active workers for local political reform in the audience winced when the speaker blamed failure of many such movements on what he termed "four-flushing" by heads of reform crusades who are not sincere.

FOUR GET DEATH'S SUMMONS.

Grim Reaper's One-Day Harvest Near Woodbury.

Woodbury, N. J., Feb. 17.—The deaths of four widely-known residents of this section occurred yesterday and last night. Israel Garwood, 61 years old, an old resident and an active member of Kemble M. E. Church, died after a few days illness from heart trouble at the home of his sister, Mary A. Newitt, No. 920 South Sixth street, Camden, died after a brief illness from apoplexy.

Mrs. Joseph A. Moore, an aged resident, who had been suffering from cancer of the stomach for a long time, died at her home, near Mantua Grove, Mrs. Richard Hillman, a widely-known young woman, died from neuralgia of the heart at her home, on Broad street, after an hour's illness.

SCHOONER ON SHORE.

Merry M. Miles From Norfolk to Boston Wrecked Today.

New York, Feb. 17.—The schooner Merry M. Miles from Norfolk to Boston, went on shore off Centre Moriches early today. The crew of twelve men were rescued by life rafts, using breeches buoy. The schooner is lying on sandy bottom, and will probably be saved.

DIED JUST AS HE DREAMED.

Man's Vision of Death by Fire Came True in Few Hours.

By Wire to The Sun.

Milwaukee, Feb. 17.—Leaving his bed to go to work after awakening from a horrible nightmare, in which he was being devoured by flames, and bidding farewell to family and friends with more than usual feeling, because of the strange premonition, only to lose his life as his dream portrayed, was a remarkable incident in connection with the death of Thomas Hichias in the John Manville fire, yesterday.

In awed whispers, his voice choked with sobs, John Geridimos, a cousin of the dead man, and occupant of the same hours, told a simple and almost fanciful story of the dead man's feelings as he left the place to go to the John Manville plant. Five other men in the house gave the same version.

"When my cousin got up," said Geridimos, "he said he had a bad dream—bad, bad flame, he said, should be all about."

JUDGE QUAKE BY TUMBLE.

Scientist Assured Anxious Beholders Worse Were to Come.

By Cable to The Sun.

Reggio, Feb. 17.—Earth shocks, more or less strong, have been experienced here throughout the day. Last evening Professor Alfani, the director of the Florence Observatory, while just about to step into a train for Naples, was thrown violently to the ground by what seemed to be an unusually severe shock.

Peasants rushed to assist him to his feet and they anxiously inquired concerning the dangers of further earthquakes. He replied: "Be calm, my children; that was a quake of the fifth degree. You must not be frightened by these shocks, for we will have them for two years more."

NOT DEAD BUT SLEEP

Man Lying In Road Thought To Be Dead

By Wire to The Sun.

Altoona, Pa., Feb. 17.—While Dr. S. J. Miller, of Madera, Clearfield county, was returning from a visit to a patient last night he saw the body of a "dismembered man" lying by the roadside.

Driving hastily to town, he notified the residents that a murder had been committed. A posse was quickly organized and two strangers were arrested for the crime.

They were taken to the "remains," when it was discovered that the man was not dead, but drunk. He was on his way home with some meat, had lain down with a beefsteak he had bought on top of him and the rain had washed the paper wrapping from the steak.

TUMBLE FROM CAR KILLS.

Aged Man Seemingly Recovers, But Has Relapse.

By Wire to The Sun.

Wilmington, Del., Feb. 17.—As the result of injuries received by falling from a trolley car in South Penn Square, Philadelphia, on the night of January 24th, Dennis Kane, aged 69 years, a widely-known resident of this city, died early this morning at his home No. 613 East Sixth street. The car started too quickly and Kane was thrown upon his head, sustaining a fracture at the base of the brain. He was removed in an unconscious condition to the Hahnemann Hospital and revived, and the same night brought to his home here.

He was out the following day, but later he became ill, and the attending physician pronounced the case hopeless. Kane was a charter member of Wilmington Lodge No. 95, Theatrical Mechanical Association, and had gone to Philadelphia with several local members to attend a banquet given by the Philadelphia lodge. Kane was a veteran of the civil war and is survived by three children.

SAYS LIQUOR RULES JERSEY.

Mrs. Armor Declares Manhood is Degrading Itself.

Mt. Holly, N. J., Feb. 17.—Six hundred persons were attracted to the local opera house this afternoon to hear Mrs. Mary Harris Armor, Georgia's temperance champion, deliver an address against the liquor traffic in New Jersey. She also spoke to a large audience in the M. E. Church last evening.

At the meeting this afternoon Mrs. Armor placed New Jersey in the "rum rule" class and said: "The manhood of this State is continually degrading itself by allowing a handful of rummies to go to Trenton and dictate the terms of legislation to the extent of permitting an unbounded liquor traffic that has ruined and blasted the hopes and virtues of young men and girls as a monument to the basest product of the business."

CONSIDERABLE SENTIMENT

Resolution As Introduced Yesterday

Special to The Sun.

Raleigh, N. C., Feb. 17.—The Barringer resolution looking to the removal of the seat of State government from Raleigh to Greensboro and Col. Barringer's pertinent comments concerning the bad condition of the State House here in the matter of uncleanly manner of its keep, and absence of modern equipment, has at least stirred considerable sentiment for a reform in the sanitary condition of the State House here and promises to aid in forcing the legislature to make some adequate provision for enlarging and equipping or in provision for adequate office and committee room buildings around the square.

The full text of the Barringer resolution follows: Whereas, the present capitol was built at a time when the free population of the State was less than one-third what it now is, and the present capitol building is unsatisfactory and inadequate for the purpose of State government, being without committee rooms and elevators and in other respects wanting in modern requirements, and

Whereas, it is thought by some that to enlarge the present capitol to make it serviceable, would destroy its beauty: Be it

Resolved: by the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring: That a committee of three, two from the House and one from the Senate, be appointed to draft a bill for adoption by the General Assembly, to be submitted to the people at the next general election, for the removal of the capitol to Greensboro, that city being the center of the white population of the State, and the said committee be authorized to receive from the authorities of Greensboro such offer of inducements of adequate grounds and appropriations, which proposal shall be submitted as a basis of the statute authorized.

Col. Barringer declared in advocating his resolution that the State House is now miserably and indecently kept in addition to being without modern equipment, which, indeed in its present shape cannot be installed, and declared that he was really ashamed for his friends from other States to come to North Carolina while the legislature was in session and see the State House conditions in this State. It crushed his State pride. The resolution went to the committee on proposition and grievances.

NOVEL WAR CRAFT LAUNCHED.

First of Three Mine-Layers Takes Initial Dip.

Wilmington, Del., Feb. 17.—The General E. O. C. Ord, a mine-laying craft for the Quartermaster's Department of the Army, was launched from the yards of the Pusay & Jones Company yesterday afternoon at 5:30 o'clock. Miss Sara Mendinall, daughter of Lieutenant Governor John M. Mendinall, president of the building company, was the sponsor.

The General Ord is one of three boats of its class being built on the Delaware River for the Government, the other two being in course of construction at Camden, N. J. When completed it will be a steel hulled, twin screw steamer, 165 feet over all and 32 feet beam. It will carry a crew of 26 men and will be equipped with the latest mine-laying equipment to be used in time of war to fortifying harbors.

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