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SENATE ADOPTS THE McLEAN SUBSTITUTE FOR REID TRUST BILL

Test Vote Was Two to One
Against the Bill That
Passed by House

FIREMEN'S RELIEF FUND BILL ENACTED

Street Car Bill Started On Another
Round—To Require the Display
of State Flag More Generally—A
Number of Bills Rushed Through
On Final Reading—Detailed Re-
port of the Proceedings of the
State Senate Today.

The senate proceedings are filled with
interest these closing days of the ses-
sion.
Today, among the bills which passed
through the legislative chamber in that
branch of the general assembly, were:
The new substitute firemen's relief
fund bill, which had already passed
the house and is therefore the law, as
soon as it is formally ratified.

The street car bill, providing for the
separation of the races, was started on
the rounds again. It passed the senate
with the house amendment, excepting
Wake county from its provisions.
A bill enabling the corporation com-
mission to require union railway sta-
tions in towns of 1,000 population and
more, was also passed.

Another bill, requiring the raising
and display of the state flag on all
state buildings, and enabling county
commissioners to "authorize" the rais-
ing of the same flag on county build-
ings and other county buildings, was
adopted.

Senator Graham's foot-stool bill
finally went through today, requiring
railway companies to provide eight-
teeth foot stools for the convenience of
passengers in waiting and leaving
coaches.

The bill to curtail against the theft
of freight in transit passed final read-
ing.
The senate at 10:45 resumed consid-
eration of the pending anti-trust bill,
as reported further on in this account
of the day's proceedings.

Proceedings in Detail.
Senator Brown opened the state
senate with prayer this morning at
9:50 o'clock after that body had been
called to order by the lieutenant gov-
ernor.

A lot of house roll call bills were im-
mediately put upon their third and
final reading and ordered to be en-
rolled without being read by their
titles.

The following additional bills were
passed, among others that have no
general interest whatever:
To increase the pay of stenographers
in the supreme court.
Amending the law concerning bur-
glary.
To prevent theft of freight in transit.
Resolving Vance county to issue
bonds to build a court house.

To require the raising of the state
flag on all state institution buildings,
and providing that the commissioners
of the counties shall authorize the
raising of flags on county court
houses.
Relating to the investment of insur-
ance companies, providing for state
mutual companies, as explained by
Mr. Drewry.

Street Car Bill Starts Again.
The bill providing for the separation
of races on street cars, with the house
amendment, excepting Wake county
therein out, was put on its final read-
ing.

trial of corporation commission and to
be examined as banks are. Enrolled.
For the relief of widow of late abor-
ter Wycliff of Fredrick.
Firemen's Relief Fund Bill.
Relating to a state firemen's fund.
House substitute bill, offered as sub-
stitute for original house bill.

Mr. Mason thought the tax fund
(one-half of one percent) ought to be
confined to policies of property in
towns that have fire companies and
not require the little towns to help sup-
port fire departments of the larger
towns, because Jones always pays the
freight and the companies, in paying
this tax, will add it to the price of in-
surance.

Mr. Turner expressed surprise that
there should be any objection to the
substitute bill by senators. He knew
lawyers had been sent here by fire in-
surance companies to oppose the origi-
nal (one percent) bill.

Mr. Drewry replied that not a single
attorney had been in Raleigh
employed in such capacity by an in-
surance company, but the parties in-
volved in Mr. Turner's bill, Greenboro
were stockholders of the Greensboro
local companies and appeared as such,
although one or two may have been a
lawyer by profession.

Mr. Drewry added that the pending
bill was perfectly satisfactory to
everybody concerned, the insurance
people included, and he hoped the
senate would adopt the measure.

Mr. Webb wanted the bill to pass
unanimously and Mr. Pharr expressed
his friendship for the bill, as did also
Mr. Thorne, Mr. Klutz, Mr. Fleming,
and others. The bill then passed and
was enrolled.

Discussion of Trust Bill Resumed.
At 10:45 o'clock the discussion of the
proposed anti-trust bill was resumed,
and Mr. Grier, of Columbus took the
floor in support of the Reid bill.

He had not proceeded far when Mr.
McLean asked him if he would vote
for a bill to regulate trusts generally,
one designed to cover other trusts
than the one the Reid bill is especially
aimed at.

Mr. Grier thought it was too late in
the session to take up a new bill.
Mr. McLean: Well, will you vote for
the amendment to the pending bill or-
dered by the senate from Cabarrus,
which includes the new service trust?

Mr. Grier replied that he would not,
and added that he did not think it
necessary.

Why? inquired Mr. McLean.
Because, replied Mr. Grier, I think
the bill will reach it without the
amendment. That is one reason.
Do you really believe that? inquired
Mr. McLean.
Yes.

Then there can be no further argu-
ment between you and me on the pro-
visions and effectiveness of the meas-
ure.
Mr. Grier and Mr. Fleming then
engaged in a colloquy concerning the
effect of the bill on the tobacco
growing and warehouse industry of
eastern North Carolina, at the conclu-
sion of which the two senators were as
far apart as ever in their opinions.

HOUSE RAISES THEIR SALARIES DRAMATIC COUP MADE BY DELMAS

25 Per Cent Increase for
Department Employees

THE APPROPRIATIONS DOWN GOES CURTAIN

Bill for an Insurance Commission of
State Officers Killed—Poll Tax \$2
Limit Passed Second Reading.
Boards of Education Omnibus Bill
Passed—The Institutions.

Speaker Justice called the house to
order at 9:20.
The committee on rules, through
Judge Winborne, reported an amend-
ment to rules providing that no pri-
vate bills shall displace public bills
now on the calendar, except by unani-
mous consent. This was adopted.

The special order being considera-
tion of the freight rate bill, Mr. Jus-
tice stated that on Monday he gave
notice that unless the senate took
some action on the house bill he
should move the adoption of the senate
bill. The senate had taken no
action, and unless the senate bill was
adopted by the house, it looked as if
the legislature would pass no law at
all. After conference with several
deputies he returned to the special
order this morning until tonight at 3
o'clock. It was so ordered.

Insurance Commission.
Mr. Keone called up his bill pro-
viding for a state insurance com-
mission, which was reported unfavorably
by the committee.
He said, for reasons that were in
the breast of every member here,
some of which it would be best not
to mention, this, the greatest depart-
ment now of the state government,
should not be entirely in the control
of any one man. Here is a depart-
ment of the state absolutely and com-
pletely in control of one man, and he
is supreme. He was appointed by
the governor, and yet the governor
had no voice whatever in the conduct
of the department. It was significant
that all insurance, factious in this
state, home and foreign, were banded
solidly together against any change
of any kind in insurance matters.
From the result of the bill last night,
it looked like the home companies
had surrendered to the Southeastern
Tariff Association.

Mr. Gallert said he thought Mr.
Keone had withdrawn this bill after
the house passed the bill providing
for the election of the commissioner
by the people. He said if a commis-
sion was created, composed of the
governor, the treasurer and the sec-
retary of state, what was the com-
missioner to do in case of some great
urgent question coming up—to have
to wait until the governor came from
New Jersey, or the treasurer from
Arizona, or the secretary of state
from Pitt county, before being able
to act?

Mr. Neal of Halifax said the propo-
sition was a monstrous outrage and
an insult to Commissioner Young.
Nobody supervises the auditor, who
passes on \$100,000 and has no super-
vision. I am sick and tired of all
these populist suggestions.
Mr. Manning supported the bill,
saying he could see nothing wrong
in a bill providing that insurance
companies should treat North Caro-
lina policyholders as fair as they
treated those of other states. There
was not the least reflection on the
commissioner in the proposition to
place the department in the control
of a commission, and the bill ought
to pass by a unanimous vote.

The bill failed to pass its second
reading by a division vote of 18 to 58.
The bill making it unlawful for
insurance or benefit policies of less
than \$500 to be issued except upon
forms approved by the insurance
commissioner was explained by Mr.
Quiert and Mr. Manning as a pro-
tection to small insurance, industrial
and otherwise, from imposition by
irresponsible agents. Instances were
given where people who paid weekly
or monthly installments on small
benefit policies, factory employees and
others, and the policies were worth-
less.

The bill changing the boundary
line of Rowan and Cumberland coun-
ties, giving part of latter to Har-
ness, near Dutch passed on its second
reading.

City Poll Tax.
Senate bill limiting city poll tax
to \$1 on the poll, coming up, a great
many members asked that their coun-

ty should be exempted. Among these coun-
ties were Edgecombe, New Hanover,
Wake, Rowan, Burke, Halifax, Cleve-
land, Beaufort, Franklin, Swain,
Rockingham, Person, Cumberland,
Pasquotank and others.

Mr. Blount said he had heard a
great deal on this floor about the
poor man. Here was a chance to re-
lieve the man of muscle and labor
from a heavy burden of poll tax,
especially in the towns and cities.
Mr. Turlington declared this was
the most important and beneficial
bill the legislature had considered.
In his county (Iredell) a law was
passed two years ago limiting poll
tax to \$1, and it was now universally
approved in that county.

Mr. Douglas said if the bill was
adopted without the amendment ex-
cepting Wake county it would put
Raleigh out of business.
Mr. Morton said in the eastern
towns and cities the only tax the ne-
groes paid was the poll tax for the
support of the government.
The amendments exempting coun-
ties above mentioned were put and
lost.

The roll-call request was made
and given, and the bill passed its
second reading by a vote of
78 to 18; those voting "No"
being: Avery, Bruton, Douglas,
Ehringhaus, Harris, Johnston of
Caswell, Johnson of Johnston, Hook-
er, Jacobson, Jones of Pitt, Kitchin,
Lockhart, Mal, Morton, Neal, Pitt,
Tillett and Vestal.

These gentlemen all explained that
the law would greatly cripple their
towns, especially the school improve-
ment.
A motion to suspend the rules and
put the bill on its final passage was
made.

Messrs. Jacobson, Ehringhaus and
others strongly protested against
ramming such a law down the throats
of their towns without their consent.
The motion to suspend the rules
was lost by a vote of 33 to 46, and
the bill went on the calendar.

Salary Bill Passed.
To regulate the salaries and fees
of clerks and other employees of the
various state departments. (Mr.
Doughton explained that the bill had
been thoroughly examined and all
the employees of the state investigat-
ed with a view to not only equalizing
but giving sufficient salaries.)
The appropriation and finance com-
mittees had unanimously agreed on
this bill. It raised the wages of
laborers and employees about (25
per cent. It required the payment
of all fees into the state treasury,
and the clerks receiving fees were
placed on a salary exclusively. The
salary of the chief clerk of the audi-
tor's office was reduced, all the other
wages were increased. The salaries
carried by the bill are: Chief clerk
to governor, \$2,000; chief clerk to
secretary of state, \$2,000; chief
clerk to auditor, \$1,800; chief clerk
to corporation commission, \$2,400.
The subordinate clerks were also
given an increase and a new third
clerk was added to the corporation
commission.

The bill passed unanimously.
The bill authorizing the oyster
commissioner to pay out of funds of
commission \$2,200 to pay for a pa-
trol boat was defeated after a lively
fight between Mr. Davis of Carteret
supporting and Judge Winborne and
Mr. Kitchin opposing the bill.
Boards of Education.
Mr. Blount, chairman of the com-
mission on education, sent forward
the report of the joint senate and
house committee, it being the omni-
bus bill, appointing boards of educa-
tion for every county in the state.
Amendments were offered by
many republican members, substituting
other names for those named by
the committee.
Mr. Kennedy of Sampson and Tay-
lor of Brunswick made urgent
speeches for their amendments.
Judge Winborne, opposing these
amendments by republicans, said in
reply to their claim that it was a
political matter only, that this was
certainly true in 1895, for in spite
of his protest as a member of that
house, the republican majority
forced a negro as a member of the
board for Hertford and other coun-
ties.

Several members explained that
the names offered by their amend-
ments were denials of the strictest
sect.
The amendments were all lost.
Mr. Blount said, in selecting the
names of men of these boards, the
very best men in each county had
been sought for, and keeping in view
that in the last republican campaign
his candidate, at least in eastern Car-

REV. PLATO DURHAM HAD PRIVATE INFORMATION THAT JOSEPHUS DANIELS INTERFERED

The Preacher Considers
Him a Dishonorable
Man

DECLINED TO NAME HIS INFORMANTS

Committee Adjourned Subject to Call
of Chairman—Appears Now as if
It Will Not Be Discharged for
Some Days or Possibly Weeks—
Notice Given That if Hearing Is
to Be Continued Further, Large
Number of Legislators Are to Be
Summoned as Witnesses—Mr.
Durham Met Mr. Daniels Today
and Told Him What He Thought
of His Conduct.

The second meeting of the investi-
gating committee has been held, and
the name of the "Great Unknown"
is still unknown. Rev. Plato Dur-
ham was placed upon the stand and
made the statement that he had got
his information both from general
sources and also in a private way,
but he refused to disclose the name
of his informant. He said that Mr.
Simpson desired to keep the faith,
and he was pursuing the same course.
He stated that he had received in-
formation in a secret way that Daniels
exercised his influence directly.

The investigation assumes greater
interest as time passes, and the pub-
lic will now anxiously await further
developments. There seems to be no
doubt but that many of the members
of the legislature will be summoned
if the hearing is to continue, not by
the members of the committee, but
on the part of Mr. Simpson.

The committee was called to order
at 3:40 o'clock, and Mr. Craig at once
asked that Representative Peele and
Rev. Plato Durham be sworn, which
was done.

Mr. Poe said Rev. Plato Durham
had requested him to protect him in
his rights, that he was to be question-
ed as to a sermon he preached in the
pulpit in a house of God, and the
course of the committee was without
precedent. Mr. Poe said before North
Carolina could become a sovereign
state freedom of speech in the pulpit
had to be guaranteed.

Mr. Craig stated, on part of the
committee, that there was no objec-
tion to Rev. Mr. Durham having coun-
sel, and he would not be examined in
an unusual manner.

Mr. Poe was asked to go upon the
stand. He was questioned in regard
to the statement Mr. Stevens yester-
day quoted him as making. He ex-
plained his position and what he had
seen in The Times, and said when he
talked to Mr. Stevens he meant the
personal animosity which had existed
between Mr. Daniels and Mr. Poe for
about eight years, and it was that he
meant could be proven, and not that
Mr. Daniels had dictated to the com-
mittee.

Mr. Poe said he did not know
Mr. Simpson.

Mr. Poe said: "I will introduce you
to a very honorable gentleman; Mr.
Simpson, Mr. Poe." (Laughter.)
Rev. Mr. Durham was next asked to
take the stand.
Mr. Craig read from the Charlotte
News of March 2d, in regard to a
sermon he preached.

Mr. Poe said Rev. Mr. Durham could
not be compelled to answer in regard
to what was said in the pulpit.
Rev. Mr. Durham said the sermon
as quoted was practically correct. He
had gained the knowledge of Mr. Dan-
iel's conduct from several sources. He
was a dishonorable man. He endeav-
ored to exert his power, both in his
newspaper and also in a private way.
He had received knowledge in a secret
way that Mr. Daniels had exercised his
influence directly; that he was given
in a secret manner and he did not desire
to be made to disclose the source of
his information. That Mr. Simpson
desired to keep the faith, and he would
pursue the same course. He received
his information from a person, whose
name he would not say just what I said
in that sermon. I said I had practical
certainty of it before any one ever
said anything to me about it. It is
known all over this state. A man
stated to me that Mr. Daniels used his
power directly to bring this thing to
pass. The state at large is talking of
this matter and I felt deeply grieved
over it, and I, as a preacher of God,
thought it my duty to call attention
to it.
I meant to charge that that was
Mr. Daniels' action, and whatever
was done from that made Mr. Poe the
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olins, had made their campaign an
assault on the educational policies
and progressiveness of the demo-
cratic administration.

Mr. Grant of Davis said he had
sent in the names of three of the best
men in Davis county for a board of
education—men in every way identi-
fied and friendly to the school inter-
ests—and yet his recommendations
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MEETING OF BALL LOVERS.
To Raise Endowment to Aid Dele-
gates to Christian Conference.
(Special to The Evening Times.)
Wake Forest College, March 8.—An
enthusiastic meeting was held in the
small chapel night before last, in the
interest of the baseball team. The
room was filled, a number were appointed
to meet the athletic committee of the
faculty in regard to certain matters.

The college Y. M. C. A. has decided
to raise an endowment of several hun-
dred dollars for the purpose of aiding
delegates to the Southern Students'
Conference which meets near Asheville
each summer. An effort will be made
this year to send a large delegation
to the conference. Heretofore each
spring the student body, faculty and
people of the hill were asked to con-
tribute towards aiding the association
in helping bear part of expenses of the
delegates to the conference. The plan
now is to raise a fund and from this
fund to send delegates money to help
bear their expenses to the conference.
This money is to be paid back by the
delegate within a certain time after
leaving college with interest. The
fund will of course become permanent
and will enable the association to send
a good delegation to the conference
each year.

AGED LADY DEAD.
Miss Sophia Purdie Passed Away
Last Night, Aged 94.
Last evening at 10 o'clock at the
home of her son, Mr. W. L. Dapp,
on North Salisbury street, Mrs.
Sophia Purdie died after an illness
of a few weeks. She was 94 years
old, and was a devoted mother and a
consistent Christian lady, being a
member of the Tabernacle Baptist
church. She leaves four children
and several grandchildren to mourn
their loss. The funeral was held
this afternoon from the residence at
4 o'clock, being conducted by Rev.
Dr. W. C. Tyree, pastor of the First
Baptist church, the interment being
made at the City Cemetery.

PERKINS REIMBURSES
THE NEW YORK LIFE.
(By The Associated Press.)
New York, March 8.—George W. Per-
kins, former first vice-president of the
New York Life Insurance Company, and
now a member of the firm of J. P. Mor-
gan & Co., has sent to the New York
Life his personal check for \$4,019.10 to
reimburse the company for therepub-
lican campaign contribution made from
its funds in 1903, in connection with
which Mr. Perkins was recently made
defendant on a charge of larceny.

NO APPOINTMENT
WITH HARRIMAN.
Washington, March 8.—The presi-
dent has not made any engagement for
an interview with Mr. Harriman.
It was said at the white house, that
he will be glad to see him at any
time he comes to Washington, just
as he is glad to see anyone else.

THE RADICALS
IN THE SADDLE.
St. Petersburg, March 8.—The first
skirmish for control of the Russian
parliament took place today, the re-
sult being a radical victory.

Eulogy of Mr. Baker.
The remains of Mr. George S. Ba-
ker, who died at Louisville yesterday,
were laid to rest this afternoon in the
cemetery near that place. Mr. Ever-
ett and Baker, son of the deceased, was
unable to attend the funeral on ac-
count of illness. Mr. Baker has been
suffering with a severe case of grip,
but is out of danger at this time.

TWO CASES IN
CITY COURT TODAY.
There were two cases in the police
court today. C. W. Dorris and a
man by the name of Crabtree were
arrested for an affray yesterday af-
ternoon in Dunton's Cafe, the case
was postponed on account of the ab-
sence of an important witness.

Heater McNeil, a hackman, was
arraigned for disorderly conduct.
The case was dismissed.

TWO VICTORIES BY HONDURAS

(By The Associated Press.)
Puerto Cortez, Honduras, March
8.—Advices received here confirm
the reports that President Bonilla of
Honduras defeated the Nicaraguans
at Managuette, Honduras, March 6,
and again defeated them, March 7,
at Yaguare.

FLAMES IN PUBLIC SCHOOL BUILDING

(Special to The Evening Times.)
Charlotte, N. C., March 8.—Fire
last night threatened for a time the
big public school building in South
Charlotte formerly occupied as a
military school by General D. H.
Hill. The damage will be about
thirty-five hundred dollars, possibly
more. The origin of the fire is
unknown.