

Weather.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 13.—Forecast for North Carolina for tonight and Thursday: Rain tonight and Thursday; rising temperature.

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MR. NEWLAND PRESIDES OVER SENATE SESSION

New Lieutenant-Governor Calls Senate to Order at Morning Session

DISCUSSION OF THE ADJOURNMENT BILL

After Much Discussion, Pro and Con, Consideration of the Early Adjournment Bill Was Postponed Until January 20.—Majority of Senators Seem to Favor Early Adjournment, But Some of Them Are Opposed to Fixing the Exact Time.—Resolution Introduced to Stop Per Diem February 15.

The senate was called to order by Lieutenant-Governor W. C. Newland at 11 o'clock. Dr. T. N. Ivey conducted devotional exercises.

Mr. Bassitt, for the committee, reported the joint resolution as to adjournment.

Bills were introduced as follows:

S. B. 64. Senator Elliott. An act to require judges of superior courts to remain at county seat during the entire term of court. Committee on Judiciary.

S. B. 65. Senator Foy. An act to appoint P. C. Fisher a justice of the peace. Committee on Judiciary.

S. B. 66. Senator Britt, by request. An act to prohibit the taking of witness fees by salaried officers in Durham county. Committee on Judiciary.

S. B. 67. Senator Britt, by request. An act relating to the public officers of Durham county. Committee on Judiciary.

S. B. 68. Senator Manning. An act to inspect meters in certain cities. Committee on Grievances.

S. B. 70. Senator Britt. An act to amend section 1062 of public laws of 1906. Committee on Judiciary.

Senator Travis Sworn In.

Senator Travis, of Halifax, was in the chamber this morning for the first time and on motion of Senator Bassett, he approached the president's desk and was sworn in.

As to Adjournment.

S. B. 45, relative to adjournment on February 15, was called up for consideration and put upon its passage.

Mr. Martin, of Washington, moved that the bill be laid on the table. For the purpose of discussion Senator Martin withdrew his motion, and a lively discussion followed.

Senator Fry spoke in favor of the bill.

Senator Elliott, who introduced the bill, spoke briefly in its favor, declaring that the people wanted an early adjournment and that it would be best for the members of the general assembly to go home as quickly as possible.

Senator Pharr, of Mecklenburg, spoke earnestly and eloquently in favor of the passage of the bill.

Senator Martin, of Washington; Senator Long, of Person; Senator Travis, of Halifax, and Senator Ormond, of Lenoir, all favored a short term but objected to the fixing of the date of adjournment for a day certain. Senator Travis urged the consideration of the bill be postponed until January 20 and so moved.

Senator Martin again took the floor and forcefully reiterated his position on the bill, declaring that he did not want his hands tied as he had work to do for his constituents and, for one, was not afraid of what the people might say about the length of the session.

Sensors Lockhart and Bassett spoke briefly, saying that it was their desire to confine the term within the narrowest limits possible.

Senator Gay spoke briefly, suggesting that the bill be referred to the committee on immigration and that all of the senators immigrate home at the earliest possible moment.

Senator Latham moved as a substitute for the adjournment bill that the "per diem" of the members cease on February 15th.

Senator Kluttz offered as a substitute a motion that the senate adjourn at the earliest possible moment.

These motions were disposed of without consideration when the senate voted in favor of Senator Elliott's bill as amended by the motion of Senator Travis, postponing consideration of the matter until January 20th.

Unanimous consent of the body was asked for the introduction of the following bills:

S. B. 71. Senator Jones. An act relating to the public schools of Raleigh township. Committee on Education.

S. B. 72. Senator Jones. An act to amend chapter 647 of public laws of 1907, relating to schools. Committee on Education.

S. B. 73. Senator Barringer. An act to amend section 1062 of public laws of 1906, relating to the sale of property under mortgage. Committee on Judiciary.

S. B. 74. Senator Dockery. An act to establish a criminal court for Lee county. Committee on Judiciary.

S. B. 75. Senator Fry. An act to authorize the treasurer of Swain (Continued on Page Seven.)

BILL TO COLLECT ALL SMALL DEBTS

House Laughed Over Measure Introduced By Turner of Mitchell

SENT TO COMMITTEE

The House in Session Less Than One Hour—Many Local Bills, Petitions, and Resolutions Introduced—Several Pass Second and Third Reading and Go to the Senate For Action—Two Thousand Copies of Governor's Inaugural Address Ordered Printed.

The seventh day's session of the house of representatives of the North Carolina legislature was called to order this morning at 11 o'clock by Speaker Graham, and Rev. M. A. Barber, rector of Christ church, this city, was present and lead the house in prayer.

Under call for petitions and resolutions and communications the following were presented:

Petition from citizens of Hyde, by McWilliams, to increase pensions of Confederate veterans.

From citizens of Green county to increase county commissioners in number from three to five.

Bills Reported.

House bill 75, to allow Ashe county to issue bonds, was reported favorably.

Bill 52, to repeal chapter 612, laws of 1905, was reported unfavorably.

Resolution asking the general congress to pension life-savers.

Bills Introduced.

By Caudle: For relief of J. P. Johnson, of Wilkes.

By Cook: To place Sallie Garrington and Elizabeth Wright on pension list.

By Wilson: To allow E. L. Lida to practice medicine.

By Sparrow: To increase pension of J. D. Husky.

By Pickett: To extend time of collection of taxes by Sheriff Kernodle, of Alamance.

By Morton: To validate certain probates and registrations.

By Wooten: To amend charter of town of Kinston.

By Turlington: To increase pay of jurors in Iredeed county.

By Turlington: To allow the town of Mooreville to issue bonds, which without objection, went on calendar.

By Liney: To repeal sections 1 and 6, chapter 442, acts of 1905, as to board of education in Alexander county.

By Turner: To enable men to collect small debts. Without its being read it created a great laugh.

By Lee: To establish different uniform for different grades of prisoners.

By Cox, of Anson: To amend chapter 612, laws of 1907, as to automobiles, so as to apply to Anson county.

By Shepherd: To allow Robeson county to issue bonds. He asked for it to go to calendar, but it went to usual committee.

By Bryan: To regulate the running of autos in Edgecombe and Nash counties.

Bill by Julian to appoint certain magistrates in Rowan county was reported favorably, and went on calendar, as did senate bill 39, to establish toll gate in Mulberry Gap, and senate bill 21 to repeal chapter 678, acts of 1907.

Harshaw asked that bill to appoint certain magistrates in Caldwell county be recalled from committee and placed on calendar.

Bills Passed.

The following bills passed second and third reading and were sent to the senate:

To change township line between Melville and Haw River townships in Alamance county.

To amend the charter of the town of Mt. Olive.

To prevent dumping saw-dust into the streams in Macon county.

To allow county commissioners of Dare county to meet Tuesday instead of Monday.

Leave of absence was granted Hines (Continued on Page Two.)

GRAND MASTER OF NORTH CAROLINA MASONS



HON. S. M. GATTIS

TEMPLE IS DEDICATED WINSTON'S ORATION

THIRTY GRAINS COCAINE DAILY

Was the Amount of Dope Prescribed for Earl P. Cotton By Physician

HEARING IS CONTINUED

After Warm Debate and Interesting Statement by the County Physician Judge Lyon Accedes to Defendant's Request and Continues Case Against Cotton, Holderfield and Hopkins Until March Term—Defense Will Endeavor to Show That Smith Was Alive at 2:30 A. M. and That He Was Last Seen With Fred Miller and Tom Crenshaw.

After a warm debate, lasting over an hour, between the counsel for the state and the defendants, the case of the state against Earl P. Cotton, Tim Holderfield and Red Hopkins, was continued until the March term of the superior court. The grounds upon which the defendants asked for a continuance that Cotton's physical condition was such that he could not give assistance to his counsel, or evidence to the court in an intelligent manner, and that a material witness in the person of Jones E. Gaster could not be found.

The proceedings were opened by Mr. Walter L. Watson, counsel for Earl P. Cotton, who read an affidavit of Tim Holderfield, alleging that Jones E. Gaster, who could not be found at this time, would swear that he was in Kelly's cafe on the night of the homicide; that Dr. E. W. Smith came in there and went to sleep; he awoke about 2:30 a. m. and asked for a drink of whisky; no one had any and Smith pulled out a ten dollar bill and gave it to Tom Crenshaw to go after whisky; Crenshaw returned later without the whisky; Kelly then changed the bill and Smith left Kelly's cafe in company with Fred Miller and Tom Crenshaw.

The allegations in this affidavit make Smith in east Raleigh at 2:30 a. m., while on the other hand, the evidence at the preliminary hearing pointed to the deed having been done between 7:30 and 8 p. m.

In the pro and con arguments by the counsel on both sides, the alarming condition of Earl Cotton was brought out. The counsel for the defense stated to the court that Cotton had been addicted to the cocaine habit to such an extent that he had taken as great a quantity as 120 grains in a single day. The county physician had found him in this condition two days after his incarceration in the county jail, and that he had been receiving decreased doses daily since that time. His condition was such that he dreamed dreams, imagined himself up in the clouds instead of on terra firma, and that he could not be relied on by the attorneys to give them the assistance that only he could.

The solicitor opposed the continuance, stating to the court that no suggestion of Cotton's condition was made to him on the 5th, when he was arraigned. Continuing, the solicitor said that the defendant had been under arrest since the 27th day of November and that was ample time to break off the dope. If the large doses of cocaine were continued his condition would be worse than it is now. A special venire of 250 men had been summoned and their summons, per diem, and mileage had cost the county nearly a thousand dollars. The solicitor did not think the case should be continued upon the grounds of an absent witness, whose whereabouts was known to none.

Dr. J. W. McGee, Jr., the county physician, was sent for. He was sworn and testified in the following manner: He saw Cotton two days after his incarceration in jail and found his condition to be exceedingly nervous, owing to a lack of stimulant that he was in the habit of taking. Cotton had been receiving cocaine in the guard house, but when he was taken to jail it was cut off until the witness found him in the above condition with in any manner.

Grand Lodge of Masons Now in Session in Magnificent New Temple

MEETING FOR PUBLIC HELD THIS AFTERNOON

The Annual Session of the Grand Lodge of Masons Comes to Raleigh and the New Temple Full of Enthusiasm and Meet in the Grand Building Erected for Their Own Use—Sessions Secret—One or More Public Meetings, at Which Outsiders Get a Small View.

The North Carolina Grand Lodge of A. F. and A. Masons is now in session in the beautiful Masonic Temple in this city. Grand Master S. M. Gattis, of Hillsboro, presiding. The opening session was held last night, and this morning at 9:30 o'clock the second session of this meeting opened in the lodge room on the 7th floor of the Masonic Temple building, the session being devoted to regular routine lodge work, the hearing of official and committee reports and such matters and things as come in the work of a body of Masons.

Last Night's Session.

Long before the hour for the opening of the Grand Lodge the large and commodious lodge room was filled with Masons from every section of the state.

Promptly at 7:30 o'clock Grand Master S. M. Gattis entered the hall and immediately proceeded to business. At 8 o'clock the Grand Master took his seat in the east. F. M. Winchester, Junior Grand Warden; W. B. McCoy, Senior Grand Warden; J. T. Alderman, Senior Grand Deacon; A. J. Hall, Junior Grand Deacon; and R. H. Bradley, Grand Tyler.

Considerable time was consumed in taking up the pass. After the lodge was duly purged the roll of the representatives of the different lodges was called.

The Grand Master was then informed that Grand Master Henry K. Simpson, of the District of Columbia, was in the hall and he appointed Past Grand Master F. D. Winston, Past Grand Master W. S. Liddell, and Past Grand Master B. S. Royster to introduce the visiting brother. Grand Master Gattis welcomed Grand Master Simpson on behalf of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina and invited him to a seat in the east. Grand Master Simpson expressed heartfelt thanks and appreciation upon such a warm and hearty welcome.

Grand Master Gattis then invited Deputy Grand Master R. N. Hackett to the chair and delivered his annual address to the Grand Lodge. It was one of the best and most copious addresses ever made to a Grand Lodge of North Carolina. It touched upon every phase of Masonry as it exists at the present time. He dwelt at length upon the great and glorious work being done at Oxford Orphan Asylum and eulogized the management of the asylum. The new temple also received considerable mention in the Grand Master's report, and he paid the Masonic Temple committee a fine tribute for their able and efficient work.

After the usual disposition of the document Grand Master Gattis introduced Past Grand Master Robert Bingham, the Grand Orator, who read the grand oration. It was a very interesting and instructive document and was listened to with rapt attention by the vast and representative gathering of Masons. It treated of the history of the Oxford Orphan Asylum from the establishment of that institution to the present time and touched upon the educational and industrial conditions of the school. He also gave some valuable information in reference to the disposition of dependable children upon the United States as well as the state of North Carolina. At the conclusion of the reading Past Grand Master Noble arose and moved that the thanks of the Grand Lodge be extended Brother Bingham by a rising vote. Grand Treasurer Heatt's report was called for and read by him, which showed the finances of the Grand Lodge was in a fine condition. At this time several resolutions were introduced and sent to the secretary's desk.

After the reading of the minutes by the Grand Secretary, John C. (Continued on Page Seven.)

TERRIBLE FIRE CAUSES DEATH

Mrs. Higgins, Mother of Samuel Higgins Fatally Burned and Many Others Injured

CAUSE OF THE FIRE

Mrs. Higgins, Mother of Samuel Higgins, General Manager of the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad, is Dead and Other Members of the Family Are Thought to be Fatally Burned by the Destruction of the Higgins Home by Fire.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)

New Haven, Conn., Jan. 13.—Mrs. Higgins, mother of Samuel Higgins, general manager of the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad, is dead and other members of the family are thought to be fatally burned as a result of a fire which destroyed the Higgins home here today.

Mr. Higgins' mother-in-law, Mrs. M. E. Corbin, was burned; his wife, his son, Harold, narrowly escaped with their lives.

A negro cook leaped from the third floor and was also injured although his hurts are not serious. Mrs. Higgins and her daughter Mabel both sustained broken bones as a result of their jump from a second story window.

The injured members of the family were taken to the home of Isaac M. Dann, where medical aid was rendered.

The residence was of frame and one of the coolest in the neighborhood. The origin of the fire was thought to be an overheated furnace. The flames had gained much headway before Mr. Higgins was awakened.

Hastily awakening the rest of the household he ascended the steps to warn those on the second and third floors. By the time the flames were shooting from every crevice and crack and the greater part of the interior was blazing like a furnace.

The cries of Mr. Higgins aroused the negro cook on the third floor, who jumped from his window. Almost simultaneously the fire had been discovered by people on the outside and several policemen hurried up with the firemen.

Mr. Higgins was formerly mechanical superintendent of the Southern Railroad Company and resided in Washington, D. C.

ANOTHER QUAKE SHAKES ITALY

Northern and Central Italy Shaken By Widespread Seismic Disturbance

PEOPLE ARE OPTIMISTIC

Strong Shock Felt at Genoa, Venice, Milan, Florence, and Other Places. Violent Shocks Felt Throughout Tuscany—Details Are Lacking and People Anxiously Await News From the Disturbed Sections—Pope Sent Telegram to His Native Town, But Has Received No Reply. News Conflicting.

(By Cable to The Times)

Rome, Jan. 13.—Widespread seismic disturbances in many places of the northern and central provinces were reported early this morning. Present indications are that Italy was more or less shaken as far north as the foothills of the Apennines. A strong shock of an undulatory character and lasting for four seconds was felt at Genoa at 1:45 o'clock this morning. Two shocks, probably the very same, were felt at Venice between 1:45 to 1:47 a. m. An undulatory shock moving from the north to the south was reported at Bologna at 1:50 a. m., and a slight shock was felt at Milan at the same time. Many other towns were affected, among them being Florence and Padua.

Dispatches received from Tuscany report that violent shocks were felt throughout the province in the early hours of the morning. Details of the shock are lacking and further news of the disturbances are anxiously awaited in all parts of Italy.

At 2 o'clock this morning an earthquake shock was felt throughout Lombardy, Piedmont, Tuscany, Venice, and especially in the province of Treviso. The town of Piedmont is reported greatly damaged.

The pope sent a telegram to his native town of Rieti and as yet has received no reply. The earthquake seems to center in Treviso, where the shock felt was very violent. So far no casualties have been reported, but the inhabitants are in a state of panic. They have spent the night in the streets, fearing that a repetition of the shocks would tumble down the houses and bury them beneath the ruins.

The news received here is of a conflict (Continued on Page Seven.)

MORE ABOUT THE OREGON MATTER

Mr. Tillman Replies to Mr. Bonaparte in Regard to Certain Talk

SENATOR INDIGNANT

In Regard to Oregon Land Frauds Is Not So Good When Senate Resolution Was Placed Before Him As It Was When Bonaparte Recalled What Senator Tillman Said to Him. The Senator Indignant at the Way His Mail Is Handled.

Washington, Jan. 13.—In addition to what has already been published relative to the matter of the Oregon land frauds Senator Tillman said today:

"Bonaparte confesses it was I who took the initiative in this matter, but his attempt to reply satisfactorily as to why prosecutions of the suit in question was not had still remains vague. I cannot understand why the attorney-general's memory served him so well in recalling what I said to him personally, and so poorly when it comes to the real meaning of the senate resolution that was placed before him in the shape of an official document requiring official action."

Senator Tillman is indignant at the manner in which he claims his mail has been handled at the Washington postoffice. He received a telegram today from New York signed by C. W. Williams. Figures indicate that it was sent at 10 o'clock last night and received at 12:23 o'clock this morning. The telegram reads as follows:

"Watch for special delivery letter. Very important inquiry. Requires answer."

At noon today the letter had not been delivered. The senator announced that he will call the attention of the senate today to the manner in which he charges that his mail is held up at the postoffice, and asserts that it is being tampered with.

He says that several letters which he franked recently have been returned to him opened from the dead-letter office.

Postmaster Barnes, of the Washington postoffice, today denied that Senator Tillman's mail had been tampered with in any manner.