

Weather.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 30—Forecast for North Carolina for tonight and Sunday: General fair tonight; much colder tonight, with cold wave.

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RAILROAD MEN AND GOVERNOR HAVE MEETING

Discussion as to Advisability of Reopening the Passenger Rate Case

THE GOVERNOR OPPOSES

Messrs. W. W. Finley, T. M. Emerson, A. P. Thom, W. A. Garrett, and A. B. Andrews in Conference With the Governor, Speaker Graham, Attorney General Bickett and Corporation Commissioner Franklin McNeill—Railroads Want Matter Arranged so Corporation Commission Can Give Them Hearing After April 1st.

A conference between the governor and railway officials was held today beginning at 11:20. There were present the following: W. W. Finley, president of Southern Railway; T. M. Emerson, president of Atlantic Coast Line; A. P. Thom, general counsel Southern Railway; W. A. Garrett, chief executive officer of Seaboard Air Line; A. B. Andrews, vice president Southern Railway; Judge Graham, speaker of the house; J. S. Manning, T. W. Bickett, attorney general; Governor Kitchin and Franklin McNeill, of the corporation commission.

Governor Kitchin suggested that President Finley start the discussion as he was the spokesman at the first meeting.

He began by saying that he and his associates thought that it was the understanding that the railroads were to have a hearing if the rates established by the last legislature were not satisfactory. He said he wanted to make it clear that he was not arguing that 2 1/2 cents was an unfair rate, but that it was not reasonable under the circumstances, and all the railroads want is to have a chance to reopen the case to show the unreasonableness of the rate. The roads are merely asking that the matter be put in such a shape by the legislature that the roads may be heard after April 1st, if they then want to change the rates. If it can be demonstrated after the year's returns are in that the 2 1/2 cent rate is fair, then the roads have no desire to increase it.

When asked by the governor if the railroads did not consent to the twelve months trial provision being stricken out of the law, Mr. Finley said that he did not understand that the provision had been stricken out. They did acquiesce in the suggestion that the corporation commission be left out of the law, giving them no jurisdiction in the matter of fixing the rates, for the sake of harmony.

"We believe, and we honestly believe," said Mr. Finley, "that the rates, so far as tried, are too low, and we want a chance to reopen the case at the end of the year if we find that we are losing by the rate."

Governor Kitchin suggested that the eight months operation upon which Mr. Finley bases his assertion that the roads are losing money, do not afford a fair test, as it has been a period of financial depression. The governor declared that he did not believe that the people would stand for any meddling with the law at this time.

Mr. Emerson said that he could not see how the people could object to allowing the railroads a fair trial before the corporation commission, or some other designated body. He did not believe the people would object to a peaceable and orderly consideration of the matter on its merits. "All we ask," he said, "is that a way be left open that justice may be done us. North Carolina is the only state in the south where the matter is not left with the corporation commission. We never in any way, directly or indirectly, assented to the twelve months trial provision being left out of the argument. Allowing the corporation commission to pass on the matter does not mean that the rates will be lowered. It means that we will have to show to the commission that the rates are destructive before we can make any reduction."

Governor Kitchin then said that in his opinion the passenger rate question was so clear-cut and plain that a legislature ought to be able to deal with it. Mr. Finley took issue with the governor on this point, declaring that the matter was involved and intricate and only a railroad commission could handle it.

NEW INSURANCE BILL BY SENATOR MANNING TODAY

Requires Fire and Casualty Companies to Deposit Fund With Commissioner

BILL IS ON PASSAGE

Senator Manning's New Bill Would Require Fire Insurance and Casualty Insurance Companies to Deposit a Certain Amount With the Insurance Commissioner for the Protection of the Policy-holders—Bill on Passage Relating to the Separation of the Races in Street Cars, Exempting From Provisions of Present Law, Nurses and Invalids—Many Other Bills.

The senate was opened with prayer by Rev. Dr. Tyree at 10 o'clock. Senators Bassett and Wray were granted leave of absence.

New Bills, Etc. The following bills were introduced: S. B. 363. Senator Manning. An act to require fire insurance and casualty insurance companies to deposit a certain amount with the insurance commissioner for the protection of policy-holders. Committee on Insurance.

Senator Nimocks offered, by request, a petition from colored citizens of Cumberland county relative to the suffrage. Referred to the Committee on Constitutional Amendment.

Bills On Passage. Bills were taken up and disposed of as follows:

S. B. 308, to validate a bond issue in Beaufort. Passed third reading. S. B. 104, to create state association of county commissioners. Senator Barringer, who introduced the bill, was absent and the bill went over.

S. B. 233, an act relating to state boundaries. Passed its third reading after a short debate.

S. B. 117, to amend law relating to fences in Northampton county. Passed its readings.

S. B. 257, to amend section 3733 revisal relating to drunkenness in Catawba county. Passed its readings.

S. B. 324, to appoint justice of the peace for Randolph county. Passed.

S. B. 329, to empower board of commissioners of town of Reidsville to remove obstructions in public streets and grounds. Passed its third reading.

S. B. 99, to incorporate the Citizens Savings and Trust Company of Asheville. Passed.

S. B. 24, to establish county line between Swain and Macon. Passed its readings.

S. B. 15, to give a laborer a lien on any article handled or used by direction of the owner thereof. The committee amended the bill, making it apply to Swain county. Passed its third reading.

S. B. 166, relating to the separation of races in street cars, exempting from the provisions of the law, chapter 850 of public laws of 1907, nurses and sick and infirm persons.

S. B. 249, to permit guardians to cultivate lands of their wards. Passed its second reading and took its place on the calendar.

S. B. 335, to incorporate the North Carolina Public Service Company. Passed second and third reading. This is the new company organized to take over the Greensboro Electric Company and establish a net-work of interurban lines in the Piedmont section of the state.

Bills Out of Order. New bills were introduced out of order as follows:

H. B. 364. Senator Ray. To allow board of education of Henderson county to change school district lines. Committee on Education.

S. B. 365. Senator Klutz. To perpetuate memory of Daniel Boone. Committee on Appropriation.

S. B. 366. Senator Jones. Amend section 1890 of revisal. Committee on Revisal.

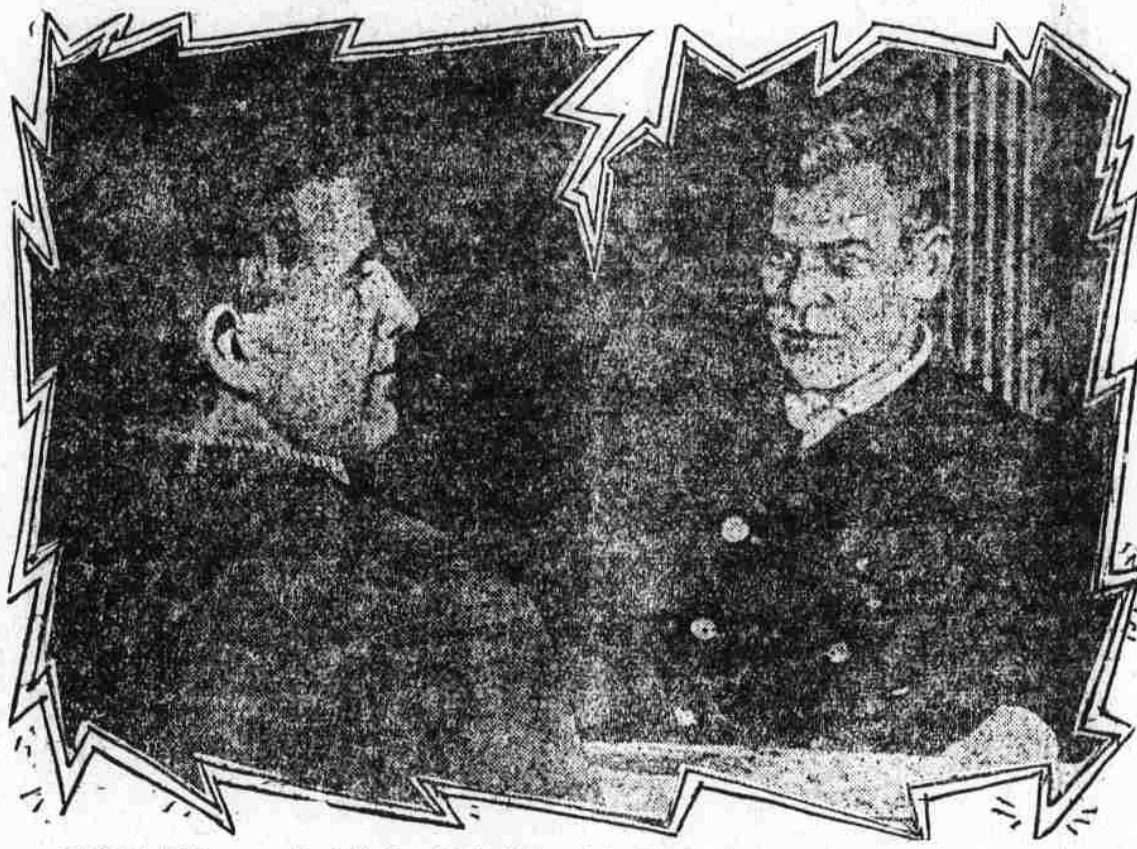
On motion of Senator Britt the senate adjourned to meet Monday at 12 o'clock.

Suits Instituted. The following claim and delivery proceedings have been instituted:

Stell & Bro. vs. Starling Yarbrough, J. B. Dobnam and Peoples' Storage and Mercantile Co.

M. C. Jones & Son vs. F. E. Sistar. Suit has been begun by Mr. N. B. Beale against the receivers of the Seaboard Air Line.

Two Heroes of the Sinking Steamship Republic.



Richard Williams on the left, the third officers of the Republic, and Jack Binns, on the right, the wireless operator.

THE REPUBLICAN LEADERS MEET

Have Conference With Reference to Legislation for Balance of Session

TIME OF EXTRA SESSION

Not the Purpose of the Senate to Permit Any General Legislation—Other Than Appropriation Bills—House Will Pass Statehood Bill and the Knox Liquor Bill—Time for Convening Special Session of Congress Discussed—Will Probably Meet on March 10th—Mr. Taft Will Agree to This Plan.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)

Washington, Jan. 30.—Senators Aldrich and Hale, and Representative Watson, of Indiana, republican "whip" in the house, have had a conference, having for its purpose an understanding as to the legislative program for the remainder of the session of congress. The senate leaders made it plain that it was not the purpose of the senate to permit the enactment of any general legislation other than the appropriation bills and those, Messrs. Aldrich and Hale thought, would consume the remaining time of the session.

Mr. Watson said the house would pass the statehood bills for Arizona and New Mexico and possibly the Knox bill, regulating shipments of liquor into "dry" communities.

The republican leaders in the senate are by no means united on the proposed statehood bills, and Mr. Watson was given little encouragement.

The views of Speaker Cannon, concerning the time for convening the extra session of congress, also were conveyed to the senate leaders. Mr. Cannon wants to get at work at the revision of the tariff at the earliest moment possible. Mr. Watson told these senators that the speaker thought Wednesday, March 10, was a good day for the convening of the extra session. Although this is five or six days earlier than the date generally supposed to be in the mind of Mr. Taft, it is not objectionable to senate leaders.

Upon Mr. Taft's return from Panama, therefore, this date will be suggested to him, and it is understood that he will agree to it. How long the extra session will continue is a matter of conjecture. Conservative opinion fixes the time of adjournment at not earlier than late in June, with the possibility of it running into July.

A provision making the valuation of imports dependent upon the wholesale price of the specific commodity in this country, will be inserted in the new tariff bill, to check as much as possible the constant under-valuations which are being made under the present system.

According to statistics submitted to the ways and means committee, the government has been defrauded out of many thousands of dollars from under-valuation.

Called to Join Fleet. (By Cable to The Times.)

Marselles, Jan. 30.—The Guisgo, the American supply ship, sailed from here today to rejoin the rest of the American fleet at Gibraltar.

FOURTH VENIRE ORDERED DRAWN

Not a Single Venireman Qualified Out of Panel This Morning

NINE MEN NOW ON JURY

A Fourth Venire of 500 Names Was Ordered Drawn This Morning in the Cooper-Sharp Case, to Report Tuesday Morning—The Case of Juror Whitworth, Who is Seeking to be Discharged on Account of Ill-health, Was Again Taken Up. Eight Farmers on Jury.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)

Tenn., Jan. 30.—Not a single venireman qualified this morning in the Cooper-Sharp case, out of the last panel in the third venire. The panel was drawn from the residents of the city and not over a third of them appeared in court. Nine men are on the jury now, eight of them farmers, and the other a carpenter. A fourth venire of 500 names was ordered drawn. These veniremen are to report Tuesday morning. The case of Juror Whitworth, who is seeking to be discharged on account of ill-health, was taken up today.

Still another sensation was sprung upon General Gardner, for the state, charged that the efforts of the defense to get Juror Whitworth off the jury were ulterior motive and were not prompted by any solicitation for the juror's health. It was charged that a certain man went to Harry Nichol, a friend of Whitworth, and told him that Whitworth must come off the jury.

Counsel further charged that Mrs. Whitworth was told her husband had been examined by a physician, who said his health was in a very precarious condition. Juror Whitworth himself was brought into court and said he had not been ill for over a year and felt able to sit in the case. There was a long and sensational wrangle between counsel over the affair. The Whitworth hearing will be resumed Monday.

THE HEROIC SHIP OFF FOR EUROPE

New York, Jan. 30.—The steamship Baltic sailed for Liverpool today with members of the Republic's crew, who were brought here by the derelict destroyer Seneca to seek new berths. The wrecking of the Republic threw several hundred able seamen, stokers and others who made up the ship's complement out of work, and, added to this, they found themselves penniless and without clothes when they arrived in New York.

A farewell dinner and reception was given to the crew yesterday at the Sailors' Home of the seamen's friends, where a purse of \$1,000, raised by subscription in the society, was distributed among the destitute sailors.

GREAT BLIZZARD RAGING IN WEST

Wind Blowing From Thirty to Fifty Miles an Hour in Chicago

MANY INJURED IN COLD

Blizzard Has Already Claimed At Least One Victim and Many Are Injured—Members of Twelve Families Were Driven Into the Streets by a Fire Early Today—Trains Moving With Difficulty and Some of Them Not Moving at All—All Communication With Some of the Trains Have Ceased and They Are Practically Lost.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)

Chicago, Jan. 30.—With the wind blowing thirty to fifty miles an hour and the temperature getting lower, Chicago faces another day of suffering and hardship as the result of the great blizzard which struck the city Friday noon, which with full force raged in this section during the night.

Already the blizzard has claimed as a sacrifice one, with over a score injured and overcome as a result of the cold. Street cars are blocked, through trains entering the railway stations are reported hours late, and in some cases lost altogether.

The members of twelve families were driven into the blizzard, many of them scantily clad, when fire broke out in a two-story frame dwelling at 140 Townsend street early today.

Officials of the Northwestern Railroad today said that the greatest difficulty in moving trains was being experienced in Iowa. Four through trains are stalled in snowdrifts in this division. Some of the delayed through trains are the Los Angeles Limited, Overland Limited, Colorado Special, Atlantic Express, Denver & Pacific Coast Limited and through train from Dakotas.

The Santa Fe reports the following trains from five to eight hours late: Train No. 2, from California, train No. 6 from Denver and the California Limited.

Following closely on the heels of the blizzard is a cold wave. At 10 o'clock this morning the thermometer registered five degrees above zero.

In the west the mercury is rapidly falling.

Fourteen men, hardy sailors, battled for many long hours with the fury of the gale on Lake Michigan in the darkness. They were the officers and men of the little steamer City of Marquette, which plies regularly during the winter months between Chicago, Waukegan and Kenosha.

Plunging in the seas that rolled high, the course obliterated by the blinding snow, fearing every moment that the ship would go to the bottom, officers and men fought for their lives and arrived at Waukegan twelve hours late. The firemen stood in water up to their waists shovelling coal into the feeble fire.

Before the boat reached its dock water rose over the fires and the aid of a tug had to be secured.

THE SCHOOL MEN ADJOURN THEIR MEETING TODAY

Association Was Organized in 1889 By Leading Educational Men

MEMBERSHIP INCREASED

After a Most Successful Meeting the Association of City Principals and Superintendents Adjourned Today at Noon—The Organization Was Formed in 1889—Has Grown in Membership—Addresses Last Night by Leading Educational Men. Professor Harper This Morning.

The North Carolina Association of Principals and Superintendents which has been in session at the high school adjourned today at 12 o'clock.

This organization, when it was founded in 1889, consisted of the following members: M. C. S. Noble, W. S. Blair, J. J. Blair, Dr. Edwin Alderman, Dr. Charles D. McIver, J. Y. Joyner, Superintendent Kennedy, of Durham. Today there are 62 members. The association met in Washington last year. Professor Harper said that he would use every means to have it meet here annually in the future.

At the session last night interesting and instructive talks were made by Dr. F. L. Stevens, of the A. & M. College, and Dr. Henry Louis Smith, president of Davidson. These gentlemen outlined the work of the association, and praised the program laid out for the remainder of the meeting.

Dr. W. C. A. Hammel, of the State Normal, spoke on the subject, "Industrial Training in The Public Schools." He made a plea for the 94 per cent. of the children who never reach the high school and closed with the following suggestions:

(1) That educators and industrial men meet together to study the industrial situation in this state, to find out just what help it is that the industries need from the schools.

(2) That to this end a state industrial commission be appointed which shall work in conjunction with the state board of education.

(3) That at teachers' meetings farmers, business men, manufacturers and housekeepers have a place on the program.

The association convened this morning at 9:30, the subject under discussion being "Electives in the High School." Short talks on this subject were made by Prof. W. S. Snipes, of Winston-Salem; Prof. Frank M. Harper, of Raleigh, and others.

Professor Harper said, in part: "Seventy-five per cent. of our children throughout the country in grammar schools never reach the high school at all, and only five per cent. ever go through the high school. The high school should, therefore, administer to the needs of pupils with limited opportunities as well as to those who are fitted for college.

"Unskilled teachers and ill-adapted courses of study are two of the chief obstacles to a greater enrollment in the high school.

"At the ages of 12 and 14 a boy needs more sympathy and gets less than at any other time of his life. At this age he needs teachers who understand him best, but instead, he gets teachers who understand their subjects better than they understand the boy. At this age he is awkward, cynical, and disposed to question efforts made by others in his behalf. He is shy about giving his confidence and at times sensitive, lacking in respect for himself, as well as for others. His body grows, but his mind seems to lag. Never again in his whole life will he need teachers who understand him so much as now.

"And yet at this period he passes from the grammar school into the high school, where, under the departmental system, there is necessarily a divided responsibility.

"The high school course of study must be adapted to the boy who can not go to college, as well as to the one who can. Certain pupils are unfit by nature for the study of Latin and Greek and they should have freedom of choice under the guidance of parents and teachers as to the course other than those that fit them for college."

The association, after the most successful meeting of its history, adjourned at 12 o'clock.

ELECTION BOARD EDUCATION BILL SPECIAL ORDER

Harshaw Called up Bill and it Was Made Special for Thursday

THE BILLS REPORTED

Minority Report Will be Heard on the Bill For the Election of the Board of Education and the Bill Will Be Discussed Next Thursday—Message From Senate Reporting Various Bills Passed by That Body. Bills Passed Yesterday Were Reported to the Committee on Enrolled Bills.

The twenty-second 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 A. W. Graham, and the morning prayer was led by Dr. White, of the First Presbyterian church.

Clerk Lassiter read the report of the journal committee to the effect that the proceedings of the previous day were correctly recorded, and the same stood approved.

The usual call for petitions, memorials and resolutions brought forward the following:

Mr. Butler sent forward petition not to abolish tax collector; asking a new township by the same.

Committee Reports. The following reports were sent to the chamber Goldstone, favorably; a abolished county treasury in Swain, favorably; to enlarge Winterville, favorably; to incorporate Bowls, favorably; to prevent public drunkenness in Mitchell, favorably; to sell lot in Highlands, favorably; to amend charter of Highlands, favorably; to change line in Alleghany, favorably; for graded school in Laurinburg, favorably; to make Franklin special school district, favorably; to amend Guilford graded school, favorably; to authorize Freeman schools to sell property, favorably; to establish Toisnot graded school, favorably; to create a school district in Richmond and Montgomery, favorably; as to schools in Troy, favorably; to Wake-

to, to vote bonds for schools, favorably; to promote education in Sampson, unfavorably; same as to Alliance.

A number of bills as to election of boards of education in Durham, Catawba, Graham, Yadkin, Mitchell, and for various other counties, and for the state at large, all unfavorably.

Mr. Gibbs sent forward a minority report on his bill for several counties.

Mr. Harshaw asked that a special hour to hear the minority report be set.

The bill to allow Brunswick county commissioners to offer reward for J. C. Walker, who killed the sheriff this last week.

Mr. Harshaw called up bill for the election of boards of education and it was agreed to hear the minority report and discuss same next Thursday.

Mr. Butler withdrew bill 266 from the calendar.

Mr. McDevitt asked that bill 359 be taken from the calendar and sent to Committee on Agriculture.

Bills passed upon yesterday were reported by the Committee on Enrolled Bills as having been engrossed and sent to the senate as per list of bills printed yesterday as having passed second and third reading.

Continuing the call for committee reports the following came forward: To amend law as to prisoners in jail in Anson, favorably; and the same applied to others.

The following also came forward: As to protection of forest ranges in mountains, unfavorably; to appoint a cotton-weigher for Warsaw, and to sell home in Ashe county, favorably; to correct cause of land grants, favorably; to incorporate lodge of Odd Fellows, favorably.

The morning hour having expired leave of absence was granted Gavin, Murphy, Kelly, Green Taylor, Scarborough, Perry of Vance, Albritton, Pool, Cox of Pitt, Doughton, and Koonce.

Mr. McDonald of Cherokee, asked that bills 300 and 334 be taken up and put upon their readings. This was deferred to a later hour.

Mr. Pool asked for immediate passage of his bill appointing Justice. It went over to a later hour.

A message from the senate reported (Continued on Page Seven.)