

Weather.

Washington, Feb. 24—Forecast for North Carolina tonight and Thursday: Fair tonight, preceded by rain in eastern portion; colder.

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SENATOR LOCKHART SPRINGS A NEW MOVE

Would Amend Blow-Basset Bill by Substituting His Own For It

CAUSES CONTROVERSY

Hon. Whitehead Klutz Again Presides Over Deliberations of Senate Today—Several Petitions Introduced Asking For Repeal of the Homestead Law—Many Bills Are Introduced and the End Is Not in Sight—Great Number of Local Bills Come Up Again For Discussion Today—Legislators Are Very Busy and Are Rushing Matters.

The senate was called to order by Hon. Whitehead Klutz, president pro tem, at 10 o'clock, and Rev. F. M. Shamburger led in prayer.

The journal committee reported no corrections and standing committees reported number of bills.

New Bills Today. New bills and petitions were introduced as follows:

- Senator Klutz: A petition from merchants and business men of Salisbury, relative to homestead exemption laws. Constitutional Amendment. Senator Travis: A petition relative to married women's law. Constitutional Amendment. S. B. 1171, Senator Nimocks: For relief of certain pupils of a school district in Cumberland. Education. S. B. 1172, Senator Morton: To establish a recorder's court for Washington county. Calendar. Senator Ray: Petition from citizens of Henderson county relative to homestead law. Senator Fry: A petition from 33rd district, relative to homestead. Senators Barringer and Pharr introduced petitions to the same effect. S. B. 1173, Senator Powell: To provide for election for bond issue in town of Henderson. Calendar. S. B. 1174, Senator Elliott: To protect dogs in Catawba. Game Law. S. B. 1175, Senator Holden (by request): To increase salary of assistant librarian of supreme court. S. B. 1176, Senator Love: To authorize aldermen of Gastonia to sell certain property. Calendar. S. B. 1177, Senator Manning (by request): To require attorneys receiving contingent fees to be responsible for costs in certain cases. Judiciary. S. B. 1178, Senator Dockery: To empower certain towns of Lee county to condemn lands for sewerage purposes. Counties, Cities and Towns. S. B. 1179, Senator Gay: To amend section 2775, Revisal, relative to fees of coroner. Revisal. S. B. 1180, Senator Gay: To amend law relative to tax collecting in Northampton and Halifax. Revisal. S. B. 1181, Senator Mills: To protect fish in Rutherford. Fish and Fisheries. S. B. 1181, Senator Dockery (by request): An act relative to holding courts in Lee. Judicial Districts. S. B. 1182, Senator Scott: To validate certain probates. Judiciary. S. B. 1183, Senator Spencer: For relief of C. F. Siler, ex-Confederate soldier. Pensions. S. B. 1184, Senator Spencer: To appoint a member of board of education of Randolph. Education. S. B. 1187, Senator Latham: To fix compensation of county commissioners of Beaufort. Calendar. S. B. 1186, Senator Blow: An act relative to dissolution of corporations. Judiciary. S. B. 1215, Senator Starbuck: An act relative to discipline among convicts on the county roads of Forsyth. Penal Institutions. S. B. 1216, Senator Starbuck: To allow expenditure of county road fund of Forsyth in cities and towns. Calendar.

NATIONAL CLUB CHANGES HANDS

(By Leased Wire to The Times) Philadelphia, Feb. 24—At noon today the Philadelphia National League baseball club passes into the ownership and control of James P. Mc-Nichol and Israel W. Durham. All indications point to the retirement of William J. Shetsline from active participation in the affairs of the club, either as its president or as an employee, and the continuance of the team's supervision in the hands of William Murray, the present manager.

STEEL CORPORATION ISSUES QUOTATIONS

(By Leased Wire to The Times) New York, Feb. 24.—The United States Steel Corporation today issued the first official quotations in the recent cut in all kinds of steel and the establishment of an open market in that trade. Steel shapes were reduced 1/8 a ton and steel bars 3/4 a ton. Shapes are quoted at \$120, plates at \$130 and steel bars at \$125. These prices are lower than they have yet been quoted at by independent steel manufacturers and it was the opinion among equipment companies and other concerns using steel today that these quotations were pretty close to the bottom prices. It is expected that the steel trust will reduce steel pipes about \$10 a ton.

WOMAN MURDERED; MAN TOOK CARBOLIC ACID

(By Leased Wire to The Times) Boston, Mass., Feb. 24.—A woman whose name is believed to have been McDonald, was shot and instantly killed early today in the apartment house at 17 Cherry street, South-end. A man in the same apartment, who the police believe did the shooting, took carboric acid and was rushed to the city hospital in a dying condition. An aged woman in the house was taken into custody by the police as a witness. The tragedy took place in a rear room on the first floor of the house.

PROSECUTION PRESENTS HIS FULL CAREER

Colonel Cooper's Entire Life Being Laid Bare to the Jury

STRENUOUS OBJECTIONS MANY FARMERS PRESENT

Aged White-Haired Defendant Re-sumes the Stand This Morning and Gives An Account of the Killing of Carmack—Says Carmack Hid Behind Mrs. Eastman With Pistol Drawn—Only Five Shots Fired and Carmack Shot Two—Colonel Cooper Turned Over to the State at 9:50 O'clock For Cross-examination. (By Leased Wire to The Times) Criminal Court Room, Nashville, Tenn., Feb. 24.—In the presence of a packed court-room Colonel Cooper resumed the stand this morning and gave an account of the killing of Senator Edward W. Carmack. He said he was crossing Union street when his son Robin nervously grasped his arm and sought to hurry him on. "Instinctively I looked and saw Carmack."

Colonel Cooper said the impulse seized him to go over and talk to Carmack; he would relieve the distressing situation that was worrying his family so much. The colonel said he went across the street and accosted Carmack on the sidewalk. The latter looked up and instantly reached for his weapon. As Carmack did so he (Carmack) hid behind Mrs. Eastman and the witness called, telling him he was a "damned coward" for getting behind a woman with a pistol drawn. Carmack sprang behind them and Carmack fired twice. When the witness saw Carmack shooting at Robin he drew his pistol, but did not fire it. Only five shots were fired and Carmack shot the first two. They were louder than the report of Robin's pistol. The witness then went on to the infirmary with his son who was wounded.

BIG ATLANTIC LINER STICKS NOSE IN MUD

Kaiser Wilhelm With 1000 Passengers Aboard Stuck Fast in Channel

DENSE FOG THE CAUSE

(By Leased Wire to The Times) New York, Feb. 24.—The North German Lloyd liner Kaiser Wilhelm II shoved her bow into the mud and stuck fast today as she was coming up Gedney channel in the lower bay, cloaked in a heavy fog. She has nearly 1,000 passengers aboard. The North German Lloyd officers heard from their stranded vessel by wireless. The captain sent word that he had run aground but that his ship was not in a dangerous position. While the line's officials expressed no anxiety regarding the big Kaiser, they sent several tugs down the bay to find her, if possible, in the dense fog and help draw her off the mud bank.

REVENUE BILL SPECIAL ORDER AGAIN IN HOUSE

Work of the Forty-second Day's Session of the House—Body Met at 9:30 This Morning and Was Led in Prayer by Rev. M. A. Barber—The Bill Requiring Corporations to Have Their Books Audited Was Reported Unfavorably—Attorney Will Be Allowed Law Clerk if Committee Recommendation is Followed—Poll Tax Requirement Will Not Be Cut Out—Many New Bills.

REVENUE BILL SPECIAL ORDER AGAIN IN HOUSE

Several Important Bills Reported From Committees and Final Action Taken

FLOOD OF PETITIONS

The forty-second day of the House of Representatives of the North Carolina Legislature was called to order at 9:30 o'clock this morning by Speaker Graham, who presented, to conduct the morning devotion, Rev. M. A. Barber, rector Christ church. The journal of Tuesday was reported as correctly recorded and he called for petitions, memorials and communications brought out the following: By Cox, of Pitt: Petitions against and for stock law in Pitt county. The call of the committees of the house was made and the usual grist from yesterday's committee grind. The bill requiring corporations to have their books audited was reported unfavorably. The bill to allow the attorney general a law clerk was reported favorably. The bill to cut out poll tax receipt as a pre-requisite to voting was turned down by the committee. The bill making the passage of worthless checks prima facie evidence of fraud received the endorsement of the judiciary committee. Mr. Haymore and others filed a minority report on the bill extending the educational qualification to 1916, turned down by the committee on a second hearing. The bill to make all R. F. D. roads public roads met its death in the committee room. Bills Introduced. By Doughton: To extend the time of construction of Winston-Salem and Southbound Railroad. By Doughton: To protect the state in building bonds on state construction of building. By Pitt: To repeal law as to Frenchville in Edgecombe. By Murphy: To create a new judiciary district out of Guilford and Alamance. By Rhodes: To allow Henderson county to elect tax collector. By Daily: To regulate the compensation of the officers of Rutherford county. By Majette: For better working roads in Tyrrell. By Majette: To protect sturgeon in Albemarle Sound. By Lee: To amend the charter of Clyde. By Sigmon: To amend the laws as to Morganton graded school. By Cook: To define the line between Pasquotank and Camden. By Hayes: To amend the charter of Ore Hill. By McLeod: To appoint a cotton weigher for Red Springs. By McDevitt: To empower Marshall to provide a park. By Currie: To protect and encourage the growing of fruits and trucks. By Pickett: For relief of J. R. Williamson, of Alamance. By Shepherd: For relief of Miles B. Mercer, of Robeson. By Tomlin: As to macadam roads in Iredell. By Morgan: To amend the law as to market house in Elizabeth City. By Privott: To regulate fishing in Albemarle Sound. By Smith, of Harnett: To regulate courts in Harnett. By Connor: To regulate sale of tobacco in warehouses. By Connor: To allow school bonds for Wilson. By Wallace: To punish public drunkenness and profanity in Carteret. By Livingston: To prevent dumping saw dust in Polk county streams. By McDonald, of Moore: To allow Moore and Lee counties to re-new state school money notes. By McDonald, of Moore: To extend time of stock law taking effect. By Dowd: To repeal law as to broad ties in Charlotte township.

SERIOUS FIRE IN WINSTON-SALEM

(Special to The Times) Winston-Salem, Feb. 24.—Resulting from the explosion of an automatic gas heater in Eagle Lodge hall, fire at 4:20 this morning did \$3,000 damage as follows: \$1,000 to Eagle Lodge; \$1,000 to Frank C. Brown Sons Company, Gen's Furnishings, and \$1,000 to Brown's Furnishings Hardware Company, overstore the fire originated. The parlor of Red Men's lodge was destroyed. The firemen fought the flames for two hours before they were extinguished. Fireman Eunus Martin was badly hurt by falling from a staircase. The motion was lost and the bill is (Continued on Page Two.)

YALE'S GRADUATES INVITED TO A SMOKER

(By Leased Wire to The Times) Washington, Feb. 24.—All living graduates of Yale, nearly 15,000 in number, have received invitations to a smoker and supper here on the evening of March 3, at which President-elect Taft, a graduate of the class of '78, is expected to be present to receive the greetings of his fellow alumni. The entire upper floor of the New Willard Hotel has been secured. Already a large number of Yale men have signified their intention of attending. It is believed that there will be at least 1,500 present. While Mr. Taft is not down for a speech he undoubtedly will be called upon.

NEWSPAPER WAR IS AMICABLY SETTLED

(By Leased Wire to The Times) Columbia, S. C., Feb. 24.—Columbia will be spared a threatened war in the evening newspaper field. George R. Koester, who founded the Evening Record, twelve years ago, announced today that under an entirely amicable arrangement the majority stock held by himself and associates had been transferred to James A. Hoyt and associates, comprising a syndicate, which contemplated establishing an opposition paper. Mr. Hoyt takes charge Monday next. He has announced that for the present there will be no change in the staff. (Continued on Page Seven.)

WASHINGTON ALMOST READY FOR BIG EVENT

City is Even Now a Week Before Inauguration in Gala Attire

HIGH HOTEL PRICES

Inauguration Day Just One Week Off and Washington is Even Now Putting on Her Gala Dress—Washingtonians Will Feel Relieved. Prices Asked For Hotel Accommodations Are Simply Monumental, and No Rooms Are Let For Less Than One Week—Washingtonians Make Hay While the Sun Shines.

(By Leased Wire to The Times) Washington, Feb. 24.—With inauguration day one week off today Washington is even now in gala dress, while every hour adds to the holiday appearance of the city decked in bunting and preparing as it has perhaps never done before for the inauguration of William Howard Taft one week from tomorrow. It is not only the brilliancy and importance of the event to which Washingtonians, like millions of their fellow countrymen, throughout the United States are looking with expectancy, but they realize that March 4, 1909, will mark the return of business conditions to what many people desire as a "safe and sane" basis: a deliverance from a certain form of "bondage" if the term may be used, and a realization that strenuous methods are an erratic conception of the administration of public affairs which has existed for several years is, happily, about to end.

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But while Washingtonians are looking forward with a sense of relief to the impending change of administration they are not losing sight of the main chance. And yet, was there ever an inauguration, certainly not for many years past, when Washington business men and others did not take advantage of the incoming visiting hundreds of thousands and put up the price of hotel and sight-seeing accommodations, actual necessities—in fact anything which will stand the pressure—to a figure which if it does not "stagger humanity" gives to the pockets of those who come here for the inauguration a very "tired" feeling. Many well-meaning persons, Washingtonians, of course, will deny, with their hands on their hearts and in their hands on their heads, that the country has heard such protestations preceding previous inaugurations and so takes them for what they know them to be worth.

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At the hotels, particularly those of the better class and more especially those that face on or are very near Pennsylvania avenue, along which the inaugural procession is to pass on its way from the capitol to the white house, prices asked for accommodations are simply monumental. No rooms whatever are let for less than one week, dating from February 28 to March 5. No matter if a guest merely wants a room for inauguration day alone, it could not be obtained unless the applicant was willing to engage it for the full time mentioned. Even under such conditions rooms have been engaged weeks and in many cases months ago at the more fashionable hotels on Pennsylvania avenue as well as at others near the line of march. The hotels have been quite independent about renting their accommodations for well they know that the demand would outstrip the supply many times over, as indeed it has.

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The committee on public comfort of the inaugural committee, it is true, has listed several hundred boarding houses and private residences where visitors can be accommodated, but in these cases, while the prices are very much less, naturally, than at hotels, they are above the usual tariff. In fact, it seems to be ingrained with the average Washingtonian to "make hay" while the inauguration sun shines every four years. They are making no exception to the rule in 1909. Pennsylvania avenue, one of the finest thoroughfares in the world, viewed from the standpoint of location and surroundings, is already marked with grandstands erected at various points. Of course, the choicest stands are those directly on the avenue in the immediate vicinity of the white house, where President Taft will review the parade, together with Vice-President Sherman, after he has taken the oath of office at the inauguration.