

Washington, D. C., March 3—Forecast for North Carolina for tonight and Thursday: Fair tonight and Thursday. Moderate west winds.

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ORMOND WANTS A COMMISSION TO INVESTIGATE

As to Need of New Building and Report to Next General Assembly

OTHER NEW BILLS

Senator Ormond Takes Up the Matter of Needed Improvements to State Buildings and Asks That a Commission be Appointed to Investigate Conditions and Report to the Next General Assembly—Senate Met at 10 O'clock, Lieutenant Governor Newland Presiding and Senator Turner Leading the Prayer—Bond Issue For Insane Passes Second Reading.

The senate was called to order at 10 o'clock by President Newland. Senator Turner led in prayer. The journal committee reported no corrections to be made and the roll of committees was called.

New Bills Today.

New bills were introduced today as follows:

S. B. 1540. Senator Barringer. To establish a card index system for registering grants, etc., in the office of the secretary of state. Judiciary.

S. B. 1541. Senator Clark. A joint resolution to paying for the preliminary drainage surveys. Calendar.

S. B. 1542. Senator Scott. An omnibus justice of the peace bill. Justice of the Peace.

S. B. 1543. Senator Britt. To amend the compulsory education law of the city of Asheville. Education.

\$500,000 Bond Issue.
The bill providing for a bond issue of \$500,000 for the care of the insane of the state was called up and passed its second reading by a vote of 43 to 3.

Passed Third Reading.

The following bills passed their final reading:

S. B. To extend time for organization of the Winston-Salem South-bound Railway Company.

S. B. To promote drainage on wet, swamp and overflow land.

H. B. To establish a graded school district in Marshville.

H. B. To amend law creating Edenton graded schools.

S. B. To allow Lexington township to issue bonds.

S. B. To amend road law of Wilkes county.

H. B. To improve public roads of North Whitakers township.

S. B. To authorize the city of Raleigh to erect a municipal building.

Senator Ormond today made a new move in the matter of securing better state buildings. Senator Ormond is an earnest advocate of progress and realizes the great need of better and more modern buildings for the accommodation of the various departments of the state government. He was in favor of the bond issue to enlarge the capitol, which met its death at the hands of the house. He introduced a bill today providing for the appointment of a commission to investigate the needs of the state, prepare plans and specifications for needed buildings and report to the general assembly of 1911.

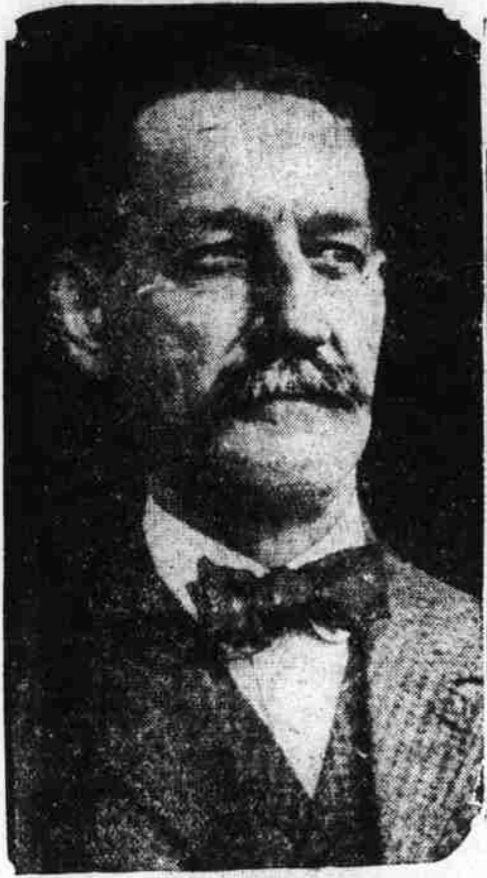
School Fund and Pension.

Senator Ormond, for the committee on appropriations, introduced a bill amending 4097 of revision relative to the appropriation for public schools, increasing the appropriation from \$100,000 to \$125,000, and amending chapter 634, of laws of 1907 relative to pensions, increasing pensions from \$400,000 to \$450,000. There was a motion to place the bill on its immediate passage and an interesting discussion followed. Senator Bassett cautioned the senate against undue haste. Senators Blow, Ormond and Barringer spoke for the increase in appropriations.

Senator Means offered an amendment increasing the appropriation from \$450,000 to \$500,000. He demanded the eyes and noses and the amendment was adopted by a vote of 44 to 6, Senators Bassett, Blow, Godwin, Long of Iredell, Nimocks and Ormond voted in the negative, basing their opposition on the ground that the committee on appropriations has done what is best in the matter, appropriating all the money available. The bill passed its second reading and on objection went over till tomorrow.

The justice of the peace omnibus (Continued on Page Two.)

Henry W. Taft.



Henry W. Taft, brother of the President, is a prominent figure in the inauguration ceremony. Mr. Taft is a lawyer, and one of his law partners entered the cabinet as Attorney General.

Black Hand Fire in a Five Story Tenement House-- Ten Persons Die as Result

(By Leased Wire to The Times)
New York, March 3—An incendiary fire in the five-story brick tenement house, 374 Seventh avenue, early today caused the death of 10 persons and the injury of a score of others.

An investigation showed that the stairs and halls from the basement to the top floor had been saturated with kerosene oil. Six months ago the owner of the building received a threatening blackmailing letter. The deed:

- LILJO FILICATI, 50 years old.
- ROSA TACIA, 7 years old.
- LENA TACIA, 13 years old.
- FRANCESCO GRUPTI, 58 years old.
- MRS. JOSEPHINE TRAZISANO, 50 years old.
- JOSEPH TRAZISANO.
- LENA TRAZISANO, 20 years old.
- MRS. CAROLINA FANSONE, 80 years old.

An unidentified boy, 4 years old. The injured: Robert Fansone, right hand nearly cut off by falling glass; Nicholas Baruffa, 20 years old, burned about head and face; Miss Matilda Manard, 20 years old, burned about face and body.

The fire started in the basement and raged to the roof, following the

trail of oil.

The firemen were delayed in reaching the blaze because of the Pennsylvania Railroad tunnel, and had to go in a roundabout way to reach the scene. When they arrived the entire building was in flames. Scaling ladders were used and many of those who had appeared at the front windows were carried down by the firemen.

After the fire was extinguished and a search of the building was made, the 10 dead bodies were found on the upper floor. The members of the Trazisano family were found grouped around the bed in a little room in the attitude of prayer. They had been cut off from escape and knowing that death was near had clustered together for the last few seconds of their lives.

Five minutes after the fire had been discovered it had spread to the top floors of 372 and 376 Seventh avenue, the tenements flanking the burning building on either side.

Chief Croker, who was on the scene early, said the evidence of its incendiary origin was apparent.

An investigation was begun at once by the authorities and arrests are expected today.

There were many thrilling rescues by firemen and policemen.

An Outlaw Escapes From Chain Gang--Sentenced 4 Years--A Desperate Man

Kid Fisher, the famous outlaw, who had been sentenced to serve four years on the Wake county roads, made his escape last night from what is known as the Zeb Page camp.

Fisher was captured in this city about February 18, by Officers Denning, Thompson, Allison and Bagwell, assisted by Officer Woodall, of the Southern Railway. These officers having been informed as to the whereabouts of Fisher, went to the house of a woman named Hatch, who lives in the fourth ward. When they surrounded the house Fisher tried to make his escape.

The officers then began to fire on him, but he returned the shots. For a time the battle raged, Fisher holding his own. He was finally captured by Officer Denning.

As soon as it became known that Fisher had been arrested here, telegrams came pouring in to Chief Mullins, telling of the outlaw's desperate deeds in other cities. He was wanted in Durham for robbing a man of \$102, and in Wilson for highway robbery.

When Fisher was put on trial he stated that he left Wilson when McKay was arrested for highway robbery. Whether or not he had a hand in that affair was not ascertained. He stated, when accused of taking \$40 from Lee Lawson, a Seaboard Air Line train hand, that he was in the

habit of coming to Raleigh every payday and gambling with the railroad boys.

When caught in Hamlet Fisher grabbed the gun from the officer and threatened to shoot him, jumped on a passing train and made his escape.

On the 22d of February Fisher was sentenced to serve four years on the roads of Wake county, but he served only until last night, when he made his escape from Page's camp.

So desperate was Fisher that he broke the shackles with which he was chained. His next move, after freeing his feet, was to break the bars from the window and leap out. As he was making his escape he was fired upon by one of the guards.

Full of holes and stained with blood, his convict's coat was afterwards found in the woods near the camp. It was placed on exhibition at the court-house today.

It is the belief of those who saw the coat that Fisher's wounds must be sufficient to cause death. The shots, as shown by the coat, went directly into his back. He, it is thought, is probably now somewhere near the camp, as it seems almost impossible that he should have been able to go very far, his back having been filled with BB shot.

THE INAUGURAL PREPARATIONS

The City Enfeete With Brilliant Decorations for the Occasion IN A BLAZE OF GLORY

With Only One More Day Before the Inauguration of Mr. Taft, With Washington Brilliantly Decorated For the Occasion, the Dawn of Tomorrow Awaited With Patience by the Thousands of Visitors Who Through the Hotels, Boarding Houses and Streets, the Weather, Though Threatening, it is Hoped it Will Not Rain.

(By Leased Wire to The Times)

Washington, March 3—With the inauguration of Mr. Taft one day away, Washington, brilliantly decorated for the occasion, awaits the dawn of tomorrow with impatience. While the weather today is cloudy and threatening rain some of the amateur weather prophets are asserting that March 4 will be extremely disagreeable, the weather bureau forecasts that the day "probably" will be fair and sunny. Even if the sun doesn't shine and no rain falls no one will pay much attention to the weather tomorrow.

President-elect Taft spent a comparatively quiet day yesterday. With the exception of an evening call on a friend and a few hours spent on the Chevy Chase golf links he remained indoors nearly all day. The whole Taft family are here, including relatives from Connecticut, Ohio and California.

Vice-President-elect Sherman spent the day attending to his duties in the house of representatives. President Roosevelt put in a strenuous time at the White House, signing bills and clearing up the remaining matters of his administration. In the senate Vice-President Fairbanks presided as usual.

Everything has been arranged for the inauguration ceremonies, orders were issued yesterday for the parade, which will be the greatest ever seen in Washington and the immense pension building is ready for the glittering social end of the Taft administration. The chief end of the "Taft administration." The new regime will be forward more than ever before the social end of official life.

All day yesterday throngs from all parts of the country poured into the city, and the rush today is even greater. Every train rolling into the big union station is filled with inauguration crowds, and the railway men are working night and day to handle the arrivals. Trains are packed for miles along the tracks, while there are hundreds of private and sleeping cars occupied by those who arrived in them, distributed about the city on railway sidings. Many governors with their staffs arrived yesterday and civic organizations come by the score yesterday and more will arrive every hour today. The naval brigade fleet at Hampton Roads is here and the blue jackets are enjoying the first long shore leave they have had in many months.

Soldiers of every arm of the service can be seen on the streets, mingling with the thousands of visitors. Mount Vernon, the home and tomb of Washington, is a favorable pilgrimage for visitors, and thousands have been there and are going today.

Decorations all over the city are up and historic Pennsylvania avenue is gay with fluttering flags.

Last night the electric illumination effects were tested and from the capitol to the court of honor in front of the white house, was brilliant almost beyond expression. Under the lights the court of honor presented a beautiful effect. Until long after midnight the vast crowds surged up and down Pennsylvania avenue admiring the show windows, the decorated city and the illumination. It was an orderly and good natured crowd.

Today the few remaining details for tomorrow's function are being arranged, and by night all arrangements for the ceremonies which will usher in the Taft administration will have been completed.

TROOPS THOUGHT TO BE LOST, FOUND

Innsbruck, Austria, March 3—The thirty troops and several officers of the Austrian Imperial army who were thought to have been killed in the landslide near Lauffram yesterday, were rescued today more scared than injured. Their escape was miraculous. Hearing the approach of the stones and snow above them they sought shelter in a nearby cave in the mountainside. The mouth of the cave was obscured with snow but a relief detachment of soldiery today dug them out.

Oscar S. Straus.



This is a picture of Former Secretary of Commerce and Labor, Oscar S. Straus, who retires from public office with Mr. Roosevelt.

Many Witnesses Put On By State in Rebuttal in The Cooper-Sharp Case

(By Leased Wire to The Times)

Criminal Court Room, Nashville, Tenn., March 3—It is given out here today that rebuttal proof of the state in the Cooper-Sharp murder trial will require about two days in its presentation. Attorneys for the state are secretive regarding what it will offer, but the tip is given out that some surprises are in store. Before the rebuttal begins tomorrow the state will probably cross-examine Dr. McPheters Glasgow regarding the autopsy and wounds on the body of the victim in possession of the

state that was incompetent in chief has been rendered competent in rebuttal by reason of denial by defendants. It is understood that Ed. Craig, who carried the threats from Cooper to Carmack, will be put in rebuttal to disprove Colonel Cooper's assertion that Craig said Carmack was in "an ugly, vicious mood" the night before the tragedy. Miss Daisy Lee (Bradford's stenographer), Dr. Rufus Fort, and possibly Mrs. Eastman will probably cross-examine Dr. McPheters Glasgow regarding the autopsy and wounds on the body of the victim in possession of the

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TENNESSEE MATTER

(By Leased Wire to The Times)

Washington, D. C., March 3—Senator Culberson today submitted in the senate the report from the committee on judiciary, in which the opinions of the members are expressed in regard to the Tennessee Coal & Iron Company merger with the United States Steel Corporation.

Senator Nelson says in the report it was in his opinion a clear violation of the anti-trust laws; that it ought not to be tolerated and that the president was misled in the matter by those who advised him.

Senator Foraker says he believes the president had no authority to permit the merger.

Senator Bacon says the merger was clearly illegal.

Sensors Culberson, of Texas, Overman of North Carolina, and Rayner of Maryland endorse Senator Bacon's opinion.

The president is not condemned in the report, but the effect of the language that he was wrong in permitting the absorption and that the merger was in open violation of the laws.

FURIOUS HAIL STORM STRUCK RALEIGH TODAY

(By Leased Wire to The Times)

Today dawned bright and clear in Raleigh, and up to noon it promised to be a typical spring one; but shortly after twelve the clouds began to gather in the west. Not many minutes had elapsed before they became blacker than ink. Several flashes of lightning followed by hard peals of thunder, and the storm broke in all its fury. The sight was a marvelous one, as the "Times" men beheld it from the windows of the Murphy graded school. "The winds came and the floods descended." The hail descended with such fury that it broke into thousands of pieces as it dashed against the ground. In five minutes the roofs of the houses were almost covered and the temperature had fallen about 15 degrees.

It soon filled the hearts of the children in the Murphy graded school and it was not until Professor Seagle had persuaded them to sing several songs that they became composed.

Pedestrians were seen running in every direction, in search of overcoats and umbrellas; street cars were lighted in fact, it seemed as if day had suddenly been turned into night, spring into winter.

Such a sight has not been witnessed in Raleigh in many years. The storm began to fall at 10 o'clock and the wind had reached a velocity of 46 miles an hour by 12:30.

THIRTEEN DEAD IN LANDSLIDE

(By Leased Wire to The Times)

Belluno, Italy, March 3—Thirteen persons are known to have been crushed to death today in a landslide that struck the village of Tassel. Scores of houses were buried, and it is feared the death list will be greatly increased. Troops have been dispatched to the scene.

HOUSE KEEPS UP ITS RECORD FOR BUSY SESSIONS

Great Amount of Work Passes Through Lower Branch of the Legislature

HINSDALE'S NEW BILL

Forty-ninth Day's Session of the House of Representatives—Met at 10:30 O'clock, Mr. Morton Presiding—Rev. F. M. Shamburger Led the Prayer—Mr. Hinsdale Introduces Bill to Allow Raleigh to Sell the Market House—Many Local Bills Introduced—Pension Bill Taken Up and Sent to the Committee on Appropriations—Other Matters.

The forty-ninth day of the house of representatives, North Carolina general assembly, was called to order at 10:30 o'clock by Speaker Pro-tem Morton, and the religious services were conducted by Rev. F. M. Shamburger, pastor of Edenton Street Methodist church.

The journal was found to be correct, and the call for petitions brought out these:

By Gavin: Communication from Allen Dale, asking that fines be laid upon net fishing.

By Braswell: From cotton and peanut growers, asking relief from weigher's fees.

By Connor: Petition against the Connor tobacco warehouse bill.

The committees reported the usual number of bills. One was referred to the "Committee on Fish Traps"—just what that is still a question. The paint bill formerly killed in agricultural committee came back with a favorable report.

Bills Introduced.
By Barnes of Hertford: To amend law as to Ahsokie township. To amend the Hertford primary law.

By Albright: To allow John A. Exum to collect back taxes.

By Majette: As to roads in Tyrrell.

By Foy: To allow commissioners of Pender \$3 per day.

By Lemmond: To prevent throwing glass in roads in Union.

By Harrison: To amend law as to cotton weigher at Whitakers.

By McDewitt: For relief of Enoch Rector, ex-treasurer of Madison county.

By Turlington: As to Iredell road law.

By Caudill: To allow commissioners of Wilkes certain compensation. To amend the charter of North Wilkesboro.

By McWilliams: As to small fish in Pamlico Sound.

By Connor: To establish line between Wayne and Wilson.

By Rascoe: To allow Bertie to issue \$5,000 in bonds.

By Hinsdale: To allow Raleigh to sell the market house.

By Gordon: To amend the law as to mental defectives. To appropriate funds for state institutions.

By Doughton: Resolution as to pay of committee for handling auditing reports.

By Foy: To amend the charter of Watha, Pender county.

By Doughton: To amend the law as to apportionment of school money and pension money.

By Cotten: Resolution as to putting in Torrens system of records.

By Perry of Bladen: Memorial to congress to prevent tariff reduction on lumber and peanuts.

On motion of Henderson the special order was displaced and the pension bill taken up.

Several minor motions were made and the pension bill went to the appropriations committee.

The special order came to its place again, and the bill pertaining to public health as pertains to sewerage and water-works, looking to the rights of one party or town as against another party or town, and giving the state board of health power to enforce sanitary laws throughout the state.

Mr. Doughton amended by striking out \$10,000 and making it \$6,000. Mr. Grant moved it go to the appropriation committee. This was done.

The next special order, the optometry bill, was taken up and the clerk read. Dr. Bolton amended by adding that any candidate failing shall have his fee returned. This was adopted and the bill passed second reading. (Continued on Page Two.)