

Weather.

Washington, March 9—Forecast for North Carolina for tonight and Wednesday: Rain tonight and Wednesday; colder Wednesday.

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TOWN SWEEP BY STORM AND FIRE; EIGHT ARE DEAD

The Town of Brinkley a Mass of Flames Following Tornado

WIRES ARE ALL DOWN

Many Towns in Southwestern Arkansas Suffer From Storm Last Night. At Least Eight Persons Are Dead in Town of Brinkley and Perhaps There Are More in Other Places— Cotton Belt Train Blown From the Track, or at Least Lost Somewhere in the Storm—One Report Says the Train Was Struck by Lightning.

Estimated Dead At 38. (By Leased Wire to The Times.) Memphis, Tenn., March 9.—The estimate of the dead in the tornado which destroyed Brinkley, Ark., last night is now placed at 38, of which ten are whites. Among the names of white people known dead are: Charles Stovall, Jr., J. L. Starrett, Porter Foote, Mrs. Phillips, Mrs. Belle Darden, Charles Frenze, Mr. and Mrs. Hood, Miss Clara Rose. Property loss is estimated at more than a million dollars. Every business house and all but six dwellings are totally destroyed.

Little Rock, Ark., March 9.—The town of Brinkley, which was swept by a tornado last night, is today a mass of flames. Eight persons are dead and several scores of persons have been injured. The reflection from the burning town can be seen in Forest City, twenty miles away. Brinkley is a town of 3,000 inhabitants and is the junction point of several important railroad systems.

The tornado swept through western, eastern and southern Arkansas yesterday afternoon and night. Telegraph wires are down throughout the state and only meagre details have reached here. Two railroad employees gave the first details of the situation at Brinkley.

Telegrapher T. N. Kinnell and a Rock Island lineman, Richards, extracted themselves from the debris of the Cotton Belt depot and walked to the nearest telegraph station, Wheatley, and sent in the following: "The town is blow to atoms, all telegraph and telephone wires are down and tracks are blocked. At least eight persons are dead, among them being Mr. Foote, merchant; Mr. Sterett, and a young lady, daughter of T. W. Bunch, a confectioner.

"Fire had started in four places in the city, and when we left was not under control.

"The Arkansas Midland, the Rock Island and the Cotton Belt Railroad depots are among the buildings that were destroyed."

At midnight a special train bearing physicians and nurses and fire fighting apparatus was started from Forest City for Brinkley.

A Cotton Belt passenger train due in Little Rock at 6:30 o'clock last night, is lost near Barcum, where a tornado struck, and is reported to have been swept off the track.

Another report is that the train was struck by lightning. The tornado crossed the Arkansas river at Fourche Dam and raised a spout of water about 200 feet high.

The same tornado passed into Barcum, where the extent of the damage is unknown and from there to Kerr, in Lonoke county.

FIRST MEETING TAFT CABINET

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Washington, March 5.—The first meeting of the Taft cabinet was held today and all members except Dickinson of Tennessee, secretary of war, were present. Mr. Wright, secretary of war in Mr. Roosevelt's cabinet, will occupy Dickinson's chair in Mr. Taft's cabinet until March 15, when Mr. Dickinson will be sworn in.

President Taft After Ceremonies.



President and Mrs. Taft as they were returning to the White House after the inaugural ceremonies at the Capitol.



President Taft, as he appeared on the outside balcony of the Capitol in order to salute the great crowd which had gathered and which had been disappointed by reason of the fact that the oath of office was administered in the Senate Chamber because of the blizzard which was raging.

CANNON YIELDS TO ORGANIZATION

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Washington, March 9.—Speaker Cannon will not have to combat the influence of President Taft in his fight against the house insurgents. By those who talked to the president this morning it was said that he, desiring above all things, party harmony, so as to facilitate the passage of the tariff bill, has decided to lend his power and influence to the organization.

MANY MEN GO BACK TO WORK

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Chicago, March 9.—Seven hundred men have been hired in the past two days by the Illinois Steel Company at South Chicago. They had been in idleness for several months. Re-opening of two plate mills, occasioned by the receipt of large orders was the reason given by the company officials for the new signs of industry. The mill mills at Gary, Ind., are hiring men at the rate of fifty a day, it is declared by the officials of the Steel Company. It was announced also that the force of 2,500 men now in idleness in the town of Hegewisch, due to the closing down of the Western Steel Car Company, would be re-employed in a couple of months. The plant has been closed several months.

GEORGE T. OLIVE TO SUCCEED SENATOR KNOX.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Harrisburg, Pa., March 9.—George T. Oliver, of Pittsburg, was nominated today as the republican candidate for United States senator to succeed P. C. Knox, by the joint caucus of the senate and house.

TAFT IN TANGLE ABOUT CANNON

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Washington, March 9.—President Taft has run up against the greatest trouble of his new job. Today two powerful influences are being exerted upon him, one by the regulars in congress and the other by the insurgents; one fighting in the interests of Speaker Cannon and the other against him. The Cannon fight over the retention of the present speaker of the house and his set of iron-clad rules has precipitated a wire-pulling wrangle with President Taft as the central figure. Today the new president was visited by delegations from both camps but so far he has given no expression. Indeed, from the attitude of President Taft it would seem that he intends letting the interested parties fight it out among themselves.

HAINS CASE TO BE POSTPONED

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) New York, March 9.—Counsel for Captain Peter C. Hains, accused of the murder of William E. Annis, at the Bayside Yacht Club last August, have practically decided not to ask for a commission in lunacy. The attorneys, John F. McIntyre and Joseph A. Shay, in conference today, determined to petition to Justice Garretson, of Flushing when the case is called tomorrow, not to set a date for trial, as they need more time.

FARMER KILLS TWO OFFICERS

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Seneca, S. C., March 9.—Deputy United States Marshal W. R. E. Corbin and his brother, while trying to arrest J. B. Palmer, a farmer, 16 miles south of here, charged with "shooting up" a rural delivery mail box, were both shot and instantly killed. The officers were fired on in the yard about Palmer's home.

FINAL SESSION CLOSED AT TWO O'CLOCK TODAY

The Legislature is Over After Fifty-Four Days in Session

THE CLOSING SCENES

The House, After Easy Night Session, Got to Work Early This Morning—Several Bills Come Up But the Majority of Them Are Killed—Bill to Protect Business Names Tabled—Bill to Give Livemen a Lien on Live Stock Also Found Its Way to the Table—Bill to Provide For the Auditing of the Accounts of the Departments Also Killed.

The fifty-fourth day of the house of representatives was called to order at 9:50 by Speaker Graham and Representative Wallace, of Carteret county, lead the morning devotions.

The journal of Monday's session was reported as correctly recorded.

There was a bare quorum when the calendar was taken up and the following business was transacted:

To punish for the cutting timber on the state's lands.

The bill to protect business names; tabled.

To buy a mace for sergeant at arms; tabled.

The bill to give livemen a lien on live stock boarded found its way under the table.

As to appeals from justices' courts passed.

To provide auditing the departments' accounts; tabled.

To regulate settlements of assignors, repealing the preferred creditor clause and hedging about the settlement of such; passed.

The bill to punish for assault with intent to kill, which was killed last night, was called up, but failed to get out of graveyard.

To provide sanitary conditions for jails; tabled.

Prescribing the duties and powers of notaries; tabled.

To establish registered forests, by Senator Pharr, was ingloriously tabled.

To regulate road overseers in Robeson county; passed.

To penalize banks for organizing with less than \$5,000.

The bill to require stockholders' meeting to keep polls open for one hour met untimely death.

To elect trustees of sanitarium for tuberculosis; passed.

To provide machinery for caring for epileptics at Central Hospital passed.

To extend the collection of taxes under the revenue act on account of the oil inspection; passed.

To amend the divorce laws; tabled.

To provide a school district in Cumberland schools; passed.

To provide a school district in Wake and Chatham; passed.

To amend tax collecting laws of Northampton; passed.

To allow payment of certain claims out of Randolph school funds; passed.

To relieve a senate laborer; passed.

To amend Wilmington election law; passed.

To regulate hunting foxes in Wayne county; passed.

To prevent hunting in Grove township, Harnett, without permission; passed.

To establish a school district in Wilkes; tabled.

For relief of one Gaskins, in Pitt county, a pensioner, tabled.

To appoint J. A. Mitchener a member of the Wyatt memorial committee; passed.

To allow counties to have graded survey maps made; tabled.

Joint resolution to capitol; passed.

To regulate making civil court calendar in Buncombe; tabled.

To establish a recorder's court for Kinston and to elect police; killed.

To debar a wife from dower in estate if she lives five years apart from her husband after tender of reconciliation; passed.

To make a stock law in Lee; tabled.

The bill of Senator Klutz to establish a highway commission and appropriating \$5,000 for road surveys in assisting counties by furnishing engineers passed.

The bill for passing upon insurance department securities and safe keeping the same passed.

To appoint a water course commission for Cabarrus; tabled.

To allow two years for filing suits (Continued on Page Eight.)

ANOTHER GREAT CRUSH CROWDS CRIMINAL COURT

Crowds Began to Gather As Early As Four O'clock to Get Seats

TRIAL NEARLY OVER

There Was the Greatest Crush Yet Seen This Morning as Spectators Made a Wild Rush to Secure Seats in the Criminal Court Building and Hear Further Argument of Counsel in the Case of Colonel Duncan B. Cooper and His Son Robin and Former Sheriff John D. Sharp—Lawyers Make Splendid Arguments in the Noted Murder Trial Today.

(By Leased Wire to The Times) Criminal Court Room, Nashville, Tenn., March 9.—Another great crush was in evidence this morning and there was another wild rush on the part of the spectators to get seats in the criminal court building and hear further argument of counsel in the case of Colonel Duncan B. Cooper, his son Robin Cooper and former Sheriff John D. Sharp, on trial for the alleged murder of former Senator Edward W. Carmack.

The defense was to have its first presentation today and as a result, friends of the defendants were keenly interested and an unusually large number of them were in attendance.

The court officers are authority for the statement that the crowd began assembling at the court house as early as 4 o'clock this morning. It is generally believed that General Meeks will consume all of the morning session today for the defense and that General J. B. Garner, the brilliant young prosecuting attorney from Lawrenceburg, Tenn., will take up the afternoon session.

Unusual interest is manifest in the speech of General Garner, as he has quite a reputation as an orator, as well as prosecuting officer. General Meeks represents John D. Sharp.

Tomorrow General W. H. Washinton will speak for the defense and Judge J. M. Anderson will close for the defense during tomorrow afternoon. General McCarn will close for the state on Thursday morning and the case will go to the jury on Thursday in all probability.

General M. H. Meeks opened at 9:20 o'clock with the first speech for the defense. He started out by making a bitter attack on Captain G. T. Fitzhugh, who spoke yesterday for the state. General Meeks declared that he was going to quit speaking when he was through. He referred to Captain Fitzhugh's method of handling Colonel Cooper on the stand and said Captain Fitzhugh showed he had inherited some of the malignity of the law suit. He declared that Captain Fitzhugh ought not to think that all men who gambled were bad men. This reference was based on the detail of Colonel Cooper to Captain Fitzhugh when the latter in cross-examining Colonel Cooper asked the colonel if he had not gambled a good deal and for large stakes. Colonel Cooper had replied, "Yes, just as you have." General Meeks said the state had sought to expose Colonel Cooper whether they could convict him or not. He consumed quite a portion of the beginning of his speech in explaining matters Captain Fitzhugh had gone into on yesterday. General Meeks spoke in a low tone of voice and it was with difficulty that he was heard in all parts of the court room. This was particularly true of the first part of his speech. He said Senator Carmack as a "great journalist" was preserving the liberty of the press. He admitted this was great, "but when any man converts this liberty into an engine to defame he becomes an enemy to society," declared General Meeks.

"There is not anything under God Almighty's sun that is more offensive and indecent than such a practice."

General Meeks asked what significance there was as to whether the bullet worked out or not; that it had nothing to do with the merits of the case.

That Robin Cooper was shot twice was proven and the defense was going to prove that Senator Carmack fired the shots. General Meeks said he did not believe there was a more honest witness during the lawsuit than S. J. Bennings. This is the witness the state has had arrested for perjury.

General Meeks said the state had (Continued on Page Two.)

MATTER OF THE APPOINTMENTS FOR THE SOUTH

The Sewell Appointment and Others Are Being Agitated by Southerners

TAFT WANTS TO PLEASE

The President's Policy Toward the South Attracting Georgians, Alabamians, and Mississippians, Who Have Been Streaming to the White House the Last Two Days, Holding Whatever Conferences That Were Possible With President Taft—The Matter of Appointment of Sewell Also a Subject For Discussion by the Tar Heels.

(By Leased Wire to The Times) Washington, March 9.—Georgians, Alabamians, and Mississippians have been streaming to the white house the last two days, holding whatever conferences were found possible with President Taft about his plans for the south.

As yet the meetings have been cut short, necessarily by the large crowds waiting to see the president, but more conferences are to be held and within the next week or ten days some important announcements are coming from the white house about the new president's policy toward the south.

With the killing of the old referee system the new chief executive has paved the way for getting in closer touch with the leaders in politics of all the hopelessly democratic states, and he has confided to his closest friends that the appointments are going to suit the best people. As one Tennessean expressed it, politicians are not going to be so much in evidence.

The republicans of Georgia are the first of the southerners who have come to the front with a reorganization plan for getting the president in closer touch with the people of their state. Representatives from forty or fifty Georgia counties were in Washington during the inauguration, and they held meetings, outlined plans, and have returned home ready to wage the campaign.

After the deliberations the members of the Georgia clubs went to call on the president and he had a good word for them all.

Another body of men interested in appointments in the south are the Alabamians who have called at the white house. They want to know what the president is going to do about reappointing Oscar R. Hundley, judge of the northern Alabama circuit. Representative Oscar Underwood, of the Birmingham district, was a caller at the executive offices yesterday and he asked the president, in behalf of the Alabama Bar Association to postpone action until after March 15. By that time, it is thought, the Alabama lawyers will send another delegation to Washington to protest.

Who will succeed the late Judge Furnell, of the eastern district of North Carolina, is the question Tar Heel democrats and republicans are asking. President Roosevelt named H. F. Sewell, of Carthage, despite the protests of hundreds of republicans, and it is being wondered if the new president will uphold this selection. The senate has set its foot down on Mr. Sewell, and it is not thought he will be confirmed.

Senator Jones sent forward a resolution for the protection of "bullfrogs that jump from bank to bank, on the banks of the Pasquotank." The resolution was adopted and sent by Senator Spence as a special messenger to the house.

Senator Klutz sent forward a resolution tendering thanks to the excellent and gentlemanly crew of lobbyists this session has produced.

A resolution from the house, introduced by Representative Morton, provided that twenty-three persons might constitute a corporation for the owning and operating of a water-wagon, said water-wagon to be a common carrier, equipped with electric headlights, air-brakes, and mileage books to be accepted on board. It also provided that if any person fall from the water-wagon his case shall be investigated by the corporation commission or the Audubon Society.

Bills Tabled. The following bills were tabled by the senate:

H. B. To amend section 3083 of the Revisal, relative to a woman being debarred of dower in the event she abandons her husband and lives separate and apart from him for five years after written tender of reconciliation and the offer of support.

H. B. To regulate the writing of deeds.

H. B. To provide for commissioners to establish a line between Wilson and Wayne counties.

H. R. Joint resolution in reference to a statute of Governor Vance to be placed in Statuary Hall, Washington.

The senate indulged in much singing and pleasantry of all kinds. While waiting on the clerks to enroll the bills for ratification the majority of the senators went to the house and joined in the singing there.

Twenty-seven senators answered the last roll call and were duly pronounced "honorable members."

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SENATE SPENDS MORNING HOURS VERY LEISURELY

Calendar Exhausted Early and Members Have Good Time at the Close

CLOSED AT TWO O'CLOCK

The Senate Has a Very Easy Time of it Today—Catches Up With the Calendar Early in the Day and Adjourns From Time to Time—Joint Resolution to Adjourn at Two O'clock Passed—Several Bills Pass Final Reading—Bill to Prevent Trespassing on the Grounds of the Central Hospital at Raleigh Passes Third Reading.

The senate met at 9:30, with President Newland in the chair. Dr. W. C. Tyree, of the First Baptist church led the senate in prayer.

Passed Their Final Reading. H. B. To prohibit sale of wine and cider within two miles of Hopewell church, Sampson county.

H. B. Relative to small fish in Pamlico Sound.

H. B. To allow foreign executors to convey land in this state without giving bond.

H. B. To amend law relative to providing for mental defectives of the state.

H. B. To enlarge state hospital for the dangerous insane.

The calendar being exhausted at this point the senate took a recess for 30 minutes.

At 11:30 business was resumed. The following bills passed their final reading:

H. B. An act supplemental to an act to protect the integrity of the ballot-box in New Hanover.

H. B. To prevent trespassing on the grounds of the Central Hospital, at Raleigh.

H. R. A joint resolution that the general assembly do adjourn today at 2 o'clock, sine die.

Senator Dockery sent forward his sentiments, as follows: "Here's cheers for the good we've done.

Here's tears that the race is run. Here's happiness from sun to sun. Here's long life and luck to every one."

The toast was received with applause.

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LUMSDEN DID NOT FIRE FATAL SHOT

(By Leased Wire to The Times) New York, March 9.—The startling contention of the defense in the trial of John C. Lumsden, charged with killing Harry B. Snydam, the curb broker, that the fatal shot was not fired by the prisoner, was unexpectedly strengthened today in the court of general sessions, when a witness for the prosecution, Policeman Dibel, testified that Lumsden had denied his guilt immediately after the tragedy.

Circle No. 1 To Meet. Circle No. 1 of Edenton Street church will meet with Mrs. J. W. Evans on New Bern avenue, tomorrow afternoon at four o'clock.