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NEAR-BEER BILL GOES TO

Senator Brown Declares There Is Overwhelming Sentiment For General Law on Subject

FEDERAL INCOME TAX

Resolution Creating a New Standing Committee on Legislative Apportionment Introduced-Clerk Allowed the Senate Committee on Appropriations-Local Anti-nearbeer Bill Referred to Senate Committee, Senator Brown Declaring There is Overwhelming Sentiment The National Income Tax. =

The senate, with President Newland presiding, met at 11 o'clock, prayer being offered by Rev. H. M. North, of Edenton street Methodist

Senator McDonald, of Moore, rereg mmending that the senate rules of 1909 be adopted, except section 18. page 7, of the printed copy, the change requiring a majority instead of only five members of the judiclary committee to constitute a quo-

Senator Bassett, of Edgecombe, offered a resolution creating a new standing committee on legislative apportionment:

This, together with the report of the committee on rules, was on mo- grossing. tion of Senator Brown, of Columbus, re-referred.

At the request of Senator Bassett of the appropriations committee, the senate authorized the president to appoint a clerk to that committee to relieve the chairman of the burden of the work, the law requiring that all appropriation bills be referred to that committee and a correct record

Mr. R. W. Turner, of Nash, and Colonel McRae, of Robeson, were granted the courtesies of the floor of the senate.

A message was received from the house informing the senate that the house had passed a bill correcting an error in the call for a bond election and validating a bond issue of New Bern and asking concurrence of the sennie; also a bill prohibiting the sale of near-beer or any alcoholic drinks in Macon county. After discussion both were referred, Senator Brown declaring that he believed there was an overwhelming senti-

MILLION DOLLAR PLANT DESTROYED BY FIRE

(By Leased Wire to The Times)

Minneapolis, Minn., Jan. 6-The \$1,000. 100 power plant of the Minneapolis General Electric Company, on the Eastside, was destroyed by fire and an explosion today and several men were seriously hurt.

Two of them will probably die. The plant was the main power station of the electric company and its destruction left the entire city without light or power. The street car service was not interrupted, however as the traction company has its own plant. "

Fifteen men were trapped in the building at 7 o'clock this morning when the explosion securred.

The imperilled men fought their way through the flames and smoke and finally escaped. John Rymosci, one of the employees, was knocked down by a falling beam as he wast emerging to the rear of a stalled train of four from the building and his arm was broken and his body badly bruised. Joseph Rhodes had a narrow escape from death. He was severely burned and bruised and his clothing was burned from his body.

Power used by the telegraph com panies was furnished by the plant and as a result of the fire the only com inunication between this place and out-side points today was by telephone.

The electric company sent a large force of men to Taylor Falls, Minn., today to put an auxiliary plant there in commission. Officials of the company announced that they would have for the lighting of the city.

Bills and Resolutions Introduced. Barnes of Hertford: Relating to the appointment of justices of the peace in Hertford county.

Holden, of Franklin: Ratifying the sixteenth amendment to the constitution of the United States adopted by congress, empowering congress to lay and collect an income tax and directing that a certified copy be sent to the secretary of state at Washington and the president and officers of both branches of congress Referred to the committee on constitutional amendment.

Fisher, of Polk: Voting for New Orleans as the place for holding the

Lemmond, of Union: Incorporat-

ng Goose Creek, Union county. Graham, of Orange: Requiring the Southern Railway to operate additional trains. Relating to the challenging of Jurors. Regulating the practice of architects. Establishing standard time in North Carolina.

Gardner, of Cleveland: Amending section 2736 relating to the salary of the governor.

Barham, of Wayne: Relating to jurors in capital cases. Repealing section 912 of the public laws regarding fox hunting in Wayne coun-Amending section 445 of the intomobiles and penalty for viola-

Baggett, of Harnett: Amending for the relief of sub-tenants.

he records of grants in Moore coun-Lee county.

Armstrong, of Montgomery Amending the road laws of Montgomery county.

Sigmon, of Burke: Amending sec ion 400 of the laws of 1907 relating o the time of holding courts in the thirteenth judicial district, changing the time for holding courts in Wilkes and Caldwell counties Passed all three readings and ordered sent to the house without en

Leaves of absence were granted as and, Starbuck, to Monday: Ivie to Washington, indefinitely.

President Newland announced the appointment of B. F. Dixon as cierk to the judiciary committee.

The senate at 11.35 adjourned unil 11 tomorrow.

TENNESSEE DEADLOCK.

Factions About to Get Together and Trouble Ended.

(By Leased Wire to The Times)

Nashville, Tenn., Jan. 6-The legislature deadlock continued today, but there is hope that it will soon be end ed. Both the house and senate me today and after a short session in both branches, adjourned without a insurgent "regular" appearing to b qualified.

The information was given out, however, that the two factions are about agreed that there will be on contests and that on this agreement the out tanding regulars will come in and b

When it came to a question of going me as some wished, it was declared hat this was an injunction step and neons to avoid that necessity that his was an injudicious step and mean to avoid that necessity were eagerly

ought for. Beries this, there has been no rea question of what a few regulars would finally do. Some four or more, it was known, would as a final resort, qualify thereby making up a quorum. For these reasons the regulars are about eady to agree to absolutely no tests and take up their duties. However there is no feeling in the pending negotiations of either side buying forced the other to an agreement, but the better situation has come about through a mingling of the two fac ions as individuals and a better un derstanding of the situation.

Commuters In Wreck.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Jersey City, N. J., Jan. 6-Six per ons were injured, one seriously, and a panic among 300 passengers follower when a commuters local from South Amboy, crashed with terrific force inars in the Pennsylvania Railroad terminal in Jersey City today. The ear car of the stalled train was made up of four steel cars of a new type was thrown from the rails and badly

Women Refused Right to Vote.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Montpelier, Vt., Jan. 6.-The feated the bill to grant the women of Vermont the right to vote on the theft of \$217,000 from the Washinglicense question. The bill, if passed, would mean practically state-wide total thefts thus far charged to prohibition.

ment in the general assembly to pass an act prohibiting the sale of near-

So-Called Pauper Counties

Tax Commission to Equalize Assessment in States-Rich Country Lands Valued Too Low-Several

Counties Now Barden to State, Senator J. A. Brown, of Columbus tho is named by President Newland of the senate, as chairman of the finance committee, declares his inten ion to go in for a material reforma tion in the North Carolina method o tax assessment with a view to countizing taxation among the counties and ridding the state of the forty eight "pauper counties," so-called be cause they receive from the state for schools and other purposes more money than they pay into the state treasury in taxes. He proposes to undertake getting through the legis lature an act that will create a sepa rate state tax commission, relieving the corporation commission of this daty, and requiring of this commis don that it equalize taxation b For a General Law on the Subject. laws of 1969 relating to the speed of counties. He would have the commission completely removed from politics, possibly appointed by the governor. He would have these comsection 1993 of the revisal of 1909 misslaners confer at the beginning of each assessment period with the McDonald, of Moore: Concerning county authorities, meeting the officers of the groups of countles in cony. Relating to the cancellation of venient railroad centers and explain judgments and mortgages. Provid- just what is expected of them in the ported for the committee on rules ing for a re-registration of deeds in light of existing conditions. And he would clothe them with final author ity to say just what the assertments must be. Where there are differ nces between the property owner have appeal go to an intermedian board, composed of, say five men, one ies. In tais way no one county could be left alone to "juggle" his asessments so as to deprive the state of its equitable share of revenue. After this composite board has pass ed on the differences the state tax follows: Senators Hobgood, Cobb, comffission would have analy as to all assessments in all counties Tuesday; Cartwright and Martin, of Mr. Brown declares that he sees no reason why Buncombe county, for instance, should have her farm lands assessed at \$17 per acre and Robeson county, one of the biggest agricultural counties in the state, assess ed at only \$6. And he sees no reason why counties like Cumberland. Chatham: Henderson and othersforty-eight in all, according to the reports of the state treasurer and the state tax commission-should be a burden to the other progressive

> Canadian Trade With Philippines. Ottawa, Can., Jan. 6-Canadian trade with the Philippines for the year ending March 31, 1910, was: Imports, \$33,000; exports, \$169,215.

operating expenses.

some other state, he says, or consol-

dated with others for economy in

The regulars are said to be somewhat outful as to the position they have BILL IN THE HOUSE

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)

Washington, Jan. 6-The apportionent was clarified today by the in roduction of a new bill by Represent ative Crumpacker, of Indiana, chairman of the census committee, providing for a house membership of 435, a gain of 41 over the present congress at the next session. satisfactory to the democratic members of the census committee and probibly will be unanimously reported to the house next week. It comprises the claims of various factions, and probably will be enacted into law at

n early date. The house devoted its session to the private calendar today, and small aims were given consideration.

National Merchant Marine Congress. (By Leased Wire to The Time

Washington, Jan. 6-A national merchant marine congress is to be held in Washington January 23 and Notices of the congress have been sent to every member of the national association of manufacturers. The congress has been organized by the merchant marine committee of 100 members of the association.

More Indictments Against Robin. New York, Jan. 6-Eight more indictments were returned by the grand jury this afternoon against house by a vote of 123 to 97 has de- Joseph G. Robin, the skyrocket financier. These true bills charge the ton Savings Bank. This makes the Robin \$297,000.

Senator Brown Is Going After Convicted of Peonage He Must Full Text of Koonce Bill Serve Sentence

Will Offer Bill Providing for State President Taft Refuses Pardon to Recites That Present Constitution is Fiorida-Lamber Man Sentenced to Eighteen Months in Jail for

> Taft today regused to pardon W. ? Harlan, manager of a great lumber and impenting business in Florid and Alabama, who was convicted o peonage. Harlan was sentenced to sighteen months in fail and to pay fine of \$5,000. The case was carried to the United States supreme cour where an application for a writ of certiorari was denied. Harian's company held in peopage, in southern lumber and turpentine camps, it is Heged, 180 tabovers from New Yor City, mostly foreigners, many of whom were said to have been flogged when they attempted to escape. To president gave a lengthy written opinion in refusing the sardon.

In his decision Decadent Tall sened the practice of peopage, saving: "The government of the United States has been at great pains and east to suppress peopage. It is much more likely to be maintained succesfully where in these cares, the ba borres are foreigners and do no speak English and hardly know their rights. It is a kind of offence that regarded lightly in some communi ties. If permitted to live at all,

will soread capidly he demoralizing Influènce. When, therefore, a man of his cusiness standing and large enter prise, is convicted of the offense he punishment should be such as it ere not effective agalast neg o man of Mr. Harlan's standing, and I appeals of all many friends, but I caunor do for 1 - notice o bijo to be guilty of the charge of which he has been convicted. To retain and en force the imprisonment part of the septence will operate powerfully to prevent a reentrence of such of fences, by men of large affairs and business standing. To relieve such one from the penalty of imprison ment when properly convicted and sentenced would be to break down the authority of the law with thos of power and influence and wante tempt on their part further breaches What is worse, it would give rea counties. They had best be given to ground for the centention so often heard that it is only the poor crimi-

> Grace's Cap and Goggles Identified, London, Jan. 6-Taere is no

nals who are really punished

onger any doubt that Ceril Grace, the aviator, is dead. The can and goggles found in the North Sea were today identified as his property.

INQUEST IN THE TRAIN WITH 100 PASSENGERS WRECKED CUMBERLAND MYSTERY

(By Leased Wire to The Times)

Mulyane, Kos., Jan. 6-Running fift niles on hour toward Kansus City orthbound train No. 418 of the Auchi on, Topeka & Sante Fe Raffrond, ten car train known as the Chicag Express crashed into a freight train which faited to clove the edding about mile and a half south of Mulyan was a double-header and carries about one hundred passengers, nonof whom was injured. Engineer Shield and Fireman Ziernstein of the pasenger train were killed. The wreck age caught fire but the cars' con

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Providing For Call

Antionated-Provides for Take Vote on Question of Calling Convention and its Membership and Compensation of Delegates,

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legete, and each county shall b tes that it has moral up of the 1912, and the said delegates sha

or delagtes, shall be

Camberland, Md., Jan. 6-The dievery of a new clew in the antiof Grace Elosser and her harry Charl Edward Twing today led to a posionement of the inquest until this a ernoon. It was reported that t omer to establish the theory tin 'wigg carried/poison into the Eless aeme. All the members of the Elosse amily and a number of others hav em subpoemed for the manest. The bellot prevailed that a veri

Although it has been escaldished I he coroners physician, Dr. Koon, the vanide of potassium this taken iquid form by both the girl and to he authorities have been unable theover where the deadly drug was brained. As a consequence of the number of employes of a local div orks, where cyanide or notassium used, were subposmand to appear a e inquest to testify.

If was rumoved today that the uthorities have secured the name of nother wirness to corroborate the story of 8-year-old Barlan Norris that saw glasses in the hands of the girl and man and a bottle on the floo t their feet immediately after the traxedy was discovered.

fight when the authorities arrived or e scene and have not been located

to be held in the state of Novi-dina in 1915, the permeation of evention" or "No Convention" sunt enhanced to the qualified voters of whole case, and it shall be the

1912 there shall be vote thed by the several county board selection of the state; on which shall he said convention these words: "De to Constitutional Convention and in countles calified to more that one delegate these words "Delegate to Constitutional Convention" and to

centit of said election shall be can

f double suicide would be returned n the past twenty four house State fforts to Jearn the identity of a very groups third person, who, to its coident, must have been in the root where the dead boiles were found an noved the receptade that held the fatal draught.

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once from and after its ratification.

Several Railroads of Georgia, Tennessee and Alabama Under One System.

RAHLROAD MERGER.

(By Lensed Wire to The Times) Chattanooga, Tenn., Jan. 6- E. F. Blomeyer, president of the Chattanooga & Atlanta Railroad Company. today stated that within ten days the Chatianooga Southern, the Gadsden and Birmingham and the Chatta nooga & Atlanta railroad would be merged into one system to be known as the Tennessee, Alabama and Georgia Railroad. The consolidated line. he says, will be a direct route from the Great Lakes to the Gulf of

Mexico. Arrangements have been made to un the new road to Atlanta by way of Rome, Ga., and connections will be made with the Scaboard Air Line a point net yet decided on.

The consolidation of taese roads will take place in this city, where the iew company will be legally organized next week.

TOBACCO TRUST CASE.

Hearing Begun in the Supreme Court

-Many Lawyers on Hand. (By Leased Wire to The Times.) Wasnington, Jan. 6 The Tobacco trust began a desperate fight fr its existence in the supreme court of the United States today when the most imposing array of lawyers that has gathered in Wasnington for years appeared to defend the huge corporation against the suit tor its dissolution brought by the government. Late this afternoon argument in the submission of this, the next-to the-most famous of the most famous Sherman anti-trust law prosecution. were begun by an opening statement by Delancey Nicoll, attorney for the

Atkinson News.

Tobacco Company.

(Special to The Times.) Atkinson, N. C. Jan. 6 Mrs. E. L. Womble has returned from her home at one Hill, N. C., where she was callnother, Mrs. E. C. Cheek.

that Mrs. Cheek is much improved, and able to sail tups

Miss Katie Smith, of this place, returned today to Uxford. She is a student at the Oxford Female Sem-

The teachers have all returned and Atkinson high school resumed work, Monday January 2, with a good attendance considering the weather.

TO AMEND THE

Mr. Koonce's Measure Calls For Election to Decide In 1912

Both Houses Aujourn Until Tomorrow After Brief Sessions-Resolution Providing for Investigation of Insurance Business Offered in the House-Check Tendency to Pass Bills Without Reference-Trinity College Wants Property Limit

After short sessions of an hour, both houses of the general assembly adjourned today at moon. An effort was made in the house to carry the adjournment over to Monday, but this was promptly checked and the motica to adjourn until 11 o'clock omorrow morning. Several members were excused until next week. however, and this seemed to satisfy the house. Speaker Dowd made no committee announcements.

The most important measure offered in the house was a bill by Mr. Stubbs, providing for the calling of a constitutional convention in 1912, if the .oters of the state shall so decide at an election to be held for that pur-

The usual crop of purely local bills were offered and the introducers, in most cases, pressed for immediate consideration. This impatient tendency was checked by Mr. Turlington, of Iredell, who promptly interposed objection to the passage of bills without reference to committees. Under objection Gen. Carr's bill to increase the amount of property Trinity College may hold was referred although he asked for immediate consideration. It was urged hat the destruction of one of the buildings of the college made it necessary for the property limit to be

Insurance Investigation.

Likewise a joint resolution offered by Mr. Koonce, of Onslow, providing for a joint committee to investigate the conduct of insurance companies his protest. The resolution asks for the appointment of a joint committee of two from the senate and three from the house to make a complete investigation of the manner of doing business by insurance companies in

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MANY KILLED IN WRECK IN FRANCE

Paris, Jan. 6-A train on the Western Railroad, filled with passengers, was wrecked at Rambouillet. about twenty-five miles southwest of this city today and the shattered cars were consumed by fire. A despatch received by the railway officials an hour after the wreck occurred said that the loss of life had been heavy. A newspaper dispatch declared that there had been at least twenty-five crushed or burned to death and more than 100 injured.

The train was derailed and the cars crompled up into a tangled heap of twisted steel and shattered beams, The wreck is said to have been caused by a careless employe leaving a switch open.

The coaches caught fire from the flames in the boiler of the locomotive and a number of those who were resued were nearly burned to death before their bodies were dug from the wreckage,

Wrecking crews and doctors were rushed to the scene and abmulances were ordered from the Rambouillet hospitals. Houses about the scene of the disaster were temporarily transformed into hospitals for the injured. Rescuing parties worked with frantic haste to clear away the debris which pinned down wounded men and women in the path of the flames. A special train carrying physicians and nurses was sent from Paris as soon as news of the disaster was re-

ceived.