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LEGISLATURE HOLDS ONLY A BRIEF SESSION

Speaker Dowd Will Announce
His Committees
Monday

ROUTINE PRECEEDINGS

House After Half Hour's Work Adjourns till Monday—Speaker Pays High Compliment to House Membership—So Many Able Men Difficult to Make Committee Assignments—Bill in Interest of Labor Organizations Introduced—Judge Ewart Offers Measure to Prevent Trafficking in Poll Tax Receipts.

The difficulty Speaker Dowd is encountering making committee assignments made the session of the house necessarily brief today. The speaker announced that he would appoint the more important committees Monday, so that the work of the house could go forward more briskly. He paid a high compliment to the members of the house, stating that there were so many members of more than usual standing and ability that he found it difficult to assign them all to committees worthy of their special talents. The speaker announced that he would name the complete list of his committees just as soon as possible.

Most of the bills introduced at today's session were local or of minor importance. Judge Ewart, of Henderson, offered a bill to prevent trafficking in poll tax receipts for the purpose of influencing votes, which was referred to the elections committee.

Mr. McPhaul, of Robeson, brought forward the time honored anti-cigarette bill, making it a misdemeanor to sell cigarettes or the makings. And Mr. Pace, of Wake, offered another measure in the interest of labor, requiring work shops and factories to keep at hand constantly a chest of medical and surgical appliances, to be used in case of accident to employees.

Two other bills of considerable interest to labor and labor organizations have been introduced in the house by Mr. Pace. Both bills are backed by the labor organizations of the state and are designed to protect employees in their right to collect wages, and also in its right to affiliate with labor organizations if they see fit.

The first bill is to meet the case where no administration is granted upon the estate of a dead wage earner, and authorizes the payment of any wages due the deceased at the time of his death to his widow, his children, his father, mother, brothers or sisters, in the order named, or to the undertaker who buried him, or physician who attended him on his last illness to the extent of their claims upon proper affidavit made to the employer. The bill applies to sums due up to \$250.

The second bill makes it a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of from \$250 to \$1,000, or a term in jail, for an employer to enter into an agree-



Mrs. Guernsey Curran, of New York, who figures prominently in one of the most tangled marital affairs this country has ever known. Mrs. Guernsey Curran was Miss Marie Harmon, daughter of Frank Benjamin Harmon, and a niece of one of the Havemeyers, of sugar fame. She was married in 1903 and has one child. She recently obtained her interlocutory decree at Patuxent, Md. Mrs. Elise Curran, wife of the brother of the ex-husband of Mrs. Guernsey Curran, obtained her divorce in Paris on November 26, and is now reported to be engaged to marry soon. Mrs. Curran, her former husband's brother. The third divorce in the Curran and Postley families was obtained in France a few weeks ago by Mrs. Clarence S. Postley, whose husband is a brother of Mrs. Ross Ambler Curran. Mrs. Postley returned to New York about two weeks ago and Mr. Postley met her at the pier. She has gone to California with her little son, who is not well and it is rumored in New York that the boy will be the means of effecting a reconciliation soon.

ment with his employees requiring them to abstain from joining or organizing a labor organization.

Rev. C. J. Woodson, of Cleveland, took the members to task for their inaudible manner of speaking. He complained that he could seldom hear what they were saying and gave them an illustration of how they should make their public utterances distinct. The chair announced that the suggestion was adopted without a vote.

The house was called to order at 11 o'clock by the speaker and Mr. Woodson, of Cleveland, offered prayer. The house then took up the regular order.

Petitions, Memorials, Etc.
Quickell, of Lincoln: To repeal of drainage act applying to Gaston and Lincoln counties.

Bills Introduced.
Taylor, of Hertford: To amend charter Buckhorn Academy, Hertford county.

Privott, of Chowan: To amend fishing laws for Albemarle Sound.

Dillard, of Cherokee: To amend law relating to fees of officers and witnesses in Cherokee county.

Kent, of Caldwell: To protect quail in Caldwell county.

Strong, of Gaston: To protect quail in Gaston county.

Tomlin, of Iredell: To authorize commissioners to make appropriation for farm demonstration work.

Taylor, of Brunswick: To amend laws relating to special taxes in Brunswick county.

McPhaul, of Robeson: To prohibit sale of cigarettes, cigarette paper or substitute thereof.

Candill, of Wilkes: To increase pay of jurors of Wilkes county.

Pace, of Wake: Requiring factories and work shop to keep "first aid" appliances ready in case of accident.

Markham, of Pasquotank: To prohibit non-members wearing Elks' badge.

Quickell, of Lincoln: Relating to draining lands Indian Creek.

Dillard, of Cherokee: To amend law relating to pay of witnesses in Cherokee.

Strong, of Gaston: To regulate rate of interest.

Norman, of Mitchell: To incorporate Minneapolis in Mitchell county.

Ewart, of Henderson: To prohibit the paying of poll taxes to influence voters.

Ewart, of Henderson: To encourage sheep husbandry in Henderson.

The house adjourned at 11:30 until 11 o'clock Monday morning.

IN THE SENATE.
The senate transacted very little business today, the session lasting only twenty minutes.

The most important bill introduced

ed was by Senator McLaughlin, of Cumberland, establishing the county of Hoke out of portions of Cumberland and Robeson.

The proposed county designates Raeford as the county seat and the advocates will make a strong fight for its establishment. This is the third time the proposition has been before the legislature and Senator McLaughlin says those behind the movement will present some interesting facts and figures in support of their claims.

An interesting report was read from the corporation commission to the effect that its investigation by direction of the general assembly of 1909 had revealed the fact that the freight rates from North Carolina ports to inland points were as low or lower than apply from Virginia ports to inland points in that state or from South Carolina ports to inland cities and towns in that state.

President Newland convened the senate at 11 o'clock. Rev. L. F. Johnson, of the Christian church, offering the invocation.

Leaves of absence were granted to Senators Long, of Iredell, and Brown, of Columbus, until Monday.

Resolutions Introduced.

Pinnix, of Yadkin: Regarding amending of the United States flag over the dome of the capitol during the session of the general assembly.

Passett, of Edgecombe: Providing for the preparation of a schedule of meetings of the senate committees to (Continued on Page Five.)

DOORS OF THE BIG CARNEGIE BANK CLOSED

The Carnegie Trust Company
In Unsound Condition, Closed
by State Bank Officials

HUNDREDS STORM DOOR

The Carnegie Trust Company With Deposits of About \$8,000,000 Closed by New York State Superintendent of Banks—Has Paid Up Capital of \$1,500,000, Surplus and Profits of About \$730,000—J. T. Howell, President of the Company—Has Had a Stormy Career—Came Very Near Going in Financial Panic of 1907—Has Changed Heads Several Times.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)
New York, Jan. 7.—The Carnegie Trust Company, with deposits of about \$8,000,000, according to its last statement, was closed by State Superintendent of Banks Cheney today. State banking officials immediately took charge of the institution. The company was chartered in 1906 and had a paid up capital of \$1,500,000 and surplus and profits of about \$730,000. J. T. Howell is president of the company.

After closing the bank State Superintendent Cheney issued the following statement:

"The superintendent of banks has taken possession of the property and business of the Carnegie Trust Company, located at 115 Broadway, borough of Manhattan."

"An examination of the affairs of this company has caused the superintendent to conclude that it is in an unsound condition to transact business and that it is not safe for it to continue."

"The examination is not yet complete and no further statement can be made at the present time."

The Carnegie Trust Company, since its birth has had a stormy career. During the financial panic of 1907, it was feared for a time that it would be forced to close its doors, but J. P. Morgan's aid enabled it to continue business.

Ever since that time the eyes of Wall street have been focused on the institution and many who remembered the exposures before the grand jury last July in connection with loans of tens of thousands of dollars on bonds of a paper railroad company issued by Charles E. Wellborn, a promoter with a criminal record, were not surprised at today's failure.

Standard Oil interests, in December, 1909, added the trust company to its chain of great down-town banks. The Carnegie Company was taken over in a \$42,000,000 merger with the Van Norden Trust Company and the Nineteenth and Twelfth Ward banks. Joseph B. Reichmann, who was believed to be identified with Standard Oil interests, was elected president to succeed Charles C. Dickinson, organizer of the company.

The other officers given in the Directory of Directors of 1910 are: Vice Presidents James Ross Curran, Frederick W. Parker, Secretary and Treasurer Robert L. Smith, Assistant Secretary Robert B. Moorehead, Assistant Treasurer Stanton C. Dickinson, Trust Officer, Lawrence A. Ramage, Assistant Trust Officer, Albert E. Candliser, Auditor, Sylvester G. Ball.

The Carnegie Trust Company is one of the best known banking institutions in the country and has thousands of wealthy depositors.

As soon as the news of the failure was flashed throughout the financial district, hundreds stormed the doors of the company, but no one was allowed admittance.

The power of the Carnegie Trust Company as a financial institution is shown by the fact that Leslie M. Shaw was at one time president of the company. In March, 1907, after he retired from the cabinet as secretary of the treasury, he became head of the company, Dickinson having resigned to make way for him.

Shaw was subsequently ousted and was succeeded by Dickinson, who resigned again to make way for Reichmann. At the time of his election,



Princess Sudhir, of Cochin-China, for whose establishment in London society brilliant preparations are being made by her Hindu parents. The Maharajah and Maharani of Cochin-China, have made another move in their determined campaign to secure a leading position in London's Anglo-Indian colony. They have just taken Lord Edward Spencer Churchill's splendid house in Grosvenor street, where a series of entertainments will be held of that brilliancy for which these picturesque Indian potentates are already famous. It is well understood that the main object of the Maharajah in securing this London establishment is to give her youngest daughter, the Princess Budhies, a fitting introduction into that society in which her elder sisters, Princess Pretiva, already holds an acknowledged place. Both daughters have received the best possible English education, which has also been afforded their four brothers, who have all been at Eton.

Reichmann was president of the National Starch Company, at No. 26 Broadway.

The grand jury. In July of last year, began an extended investigation of transactions, involving the administration of the trust company during the presidency of Dickinson, with Charles W. Chapman, a cash broker, who acted for Wellborn. The present officers and directors were exonerated.

About two years ago, it developed, Wellborn conceived the idea of making some money by organizing the Tidewater & Northern Railroad. Among the first steps he took was to lease \$500,000 in six percent gold bonds in the name of his new company.

STORE ROBBED.

Thief Gets Pistols and Guns From Store of T. H. Stanton & Co.

(Special to The Times.)

Goldboro, N. C., Jan. 7.—Early yesterday morning some thief stole several pistols and shot guns from the hardware store of T. H. Stanton & Co., on Walnut street, only a few doors south of the postoffice, which was a daring robbery and an unusual one of this kind. The stolen articles were in front of the store on the inside of the large show window. It is thought that the thief stood some distance from the store and threw a large stone or brickbat at the show window and when satisfied that the noise had not attracted attention, proceeded to help himself to

the above articles, taking all that were within his reach, the hole made in the display window being only large enough for a man to get his arm through. The only articles missed outside of the pistols and guns were a few pocket knives, which were within his reach, the hole made show window. This is about the eighth time the above store has been robbed in the past two years.

Girl Drowned Herself While Asleep.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)

New York, Jan. 7.—The psychic influence of morbid conversation led to the death of Sophie Schanz, of Rockaway Beach, L. I., early today. Several days ago the girl discussed death by drowning with a friend. Ever since that time her mind dwelt upon the subject and she often expressed the fear that she would die by drowning herself.

Early today, in her sleep, she walked into the bay at Rockaway Beach and her body was found floating in the water at dawn.

Wreck on Texas Train.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)

Waco, Tex., Jan. 7.—H. D. Reynolds, Pullman conductor, and Dr. King, of Dallas, were killed this morning when Missouri, Kansas and Texas flyer No. 6 ran into flyer No. 8 at Abilene, 27 miles north of here today. Both trains were going in the same direction. A heavy fog obscured the lights on No. 6. The rear sleeper of No. 6 was telescoped. The passengers were only slightly shaken.

Prominent Business Man Shot.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)

Cane, Kans., Jan. 7.—J. B. S. Neely, president of the Wichita National Gas Company, who makes his home in Lima, O., was shot and killed this morning while sitting in the lobby of the Palace Hotel reading a letter, by Al Truckett, a prominent citizen. The men had had difficulties over a gas well lease and Neely had the best of the argument. He had secured an injunction preventing Truckett from entering upon the lease.

Elkins Funeral Held.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)

Elkins, W. Va., Jan. 7.—Business in Elkins was at a standstill today in memory of the late Senator Stephen B. Elkins, whose body arrived here this morning for burial. Mayor J. N. Kochendorfer had issued an edict that all business be suspended during the day. In consequence stores were closed and all manufactures shut down. Flags were at half mast and many buildings draped in black.

Milk will quench a fire caused by an exploding lamp, water only spreading the oil.

MRS. BANNISTER AND HER BABY ASPHYXIATED

Overcome By Gas In Bath
Room Late Yesterday
Afternoon

GAS HEATER TURNED ON

Were Probably Overcome While Mother Was Trying to Make the Gas Light—Smell of Gas and Sound of Running Water Attracted Attention of Occupants of the House—Physicians Found Both Mother and Child Past Resuscitation—Short Funeral Service Held This Morning—Body Sent to Richmond For Burial.

Overcome by escaping gas in the bath room where she lived, at the corner of Harrington and Edenton streets, Mrs. H. O. Bannister and her seventeen-months-old son, Harry O. Bannister, were found dead late yesterday afternoon. Mrs. Bannister was the wife of Mr. H. O. Bannister, local manager of the Western Union office.

The double tragedy which shocked the entire city, was due to gas escaping from an instantaneous heater in the bath room, which Mrs. Bannister tried to light for her bath. The heater, it appears, was not properly arranged for lighting and it is supposed that Mrs. Bannister was overcome while trying to get the gas to burn.

Mrs. Bannister went to the bath room late in the afternoon with her baby to take a bath. She had been in the room about half an hour, when Mrs. Miles Goodwin, attracted by the long continued sound of running water and a smell of gas, sent her colored maid up to see what was wrong. The maid soon returned terror-stricken and told Mrs. Goodwin her ghastly discovery. Mrs. Goodwin immediately summoned several physicians, and Dr. John B. Watson was the first to respond. Soon Mrs. Bannister's physician, Dr. James R. Rogers and Dr. J. W. Harper arrived and all three worked desperately over the bodies of mother and child until it became apparent that their efforts were vain. Both had been almost instantaneously overcome, it appeared, and life was probably extinct before their bodies were found.

Mrs. Goodwin, who was the first after the colored maid to enter the bath room, found Mrs. Bannister lying beside the tub and the baby near her on the floor. The tub was full of cold water, which was still running when Mrs. Goodwin entered. The small bath room was full of gas, which was also still escaping from the heater. Mrs. Bannister was ready for the bath but the baby was still dressed.

Examination of the gas heater showed that there was a wash pan on top of it which cut off the draught and made it impossible for the gas to be lighted from the pilot. It was obvious that Mrs. Bannister had

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BANDIT IS GIVING TROUBLE IN CUBA

Havana, Jan. 7.—Santa Clara province is in a reign of terror today with the bandit Solis, the modern Robin Hood, sought by an army of rurales and Cuban troops. Following an ambush of the rurales by Solis when two of them were shot to death, the brigand has disappeared, and no one knows where he will turn up next.

The provincial troops have made a number of arrests of persons charged with sheltering the bandit. Solis, who is described as a man of education, polished and who always wears stylish attire, has many friends among the poor in the province, for he preys on the wealthy alone.

The rich planters of the province fear that the brigand will kidnap some members of their families and hold them for ransom. A boy, Fernandez, the nephew of a rich plantation owner, is at present held by Solis in some mountain stronghold while \$10,000 ransom is demanded. Rurales are scouring the province.

FIRE BURNS HOUSE AND THREE NEGROES

(Special to The Times.)

Fayetteville, N. C., Jan. 7.—Fire in lower Fayetteville at 11 o'clock last night burned a tenement house and three little negroes. They were children of one Gilmore, working at Gilmore-Rankin Lumber Mills. The mother left the children in charge of a boy and went away at 10 o'clock. He said he left the door unlocked and there was no fire in the house. The first parties to reach the burning building said that the door was locked when the fire was discovered. The house was in a mass of flames and impossible to rescue the children.

Shot by Assassin.

Lexington, Ky., Jan. 7.—George Bosley, a wealthy farmer, was called to the door of his home and shot to death early today. A posse is in pursuit of the assassin.