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The Weather—FAIR.

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HOUSE CLEARS ITS FILES AFTER LONG SESSION

Spends An Hour Wading Through Bills Mostly of Local Character

INCOME TAX FAVORED

Files Cleared for Work After Two Hours of Hard Work in House—Members Ask Leave of Absence—Resolution to Ratify Federal Income Tax Amendment Reported Favorably—Greensboro Charter Bill Passes House Providing for Election to Ratify Measure.

The house cleared its calendar again today, but it required considerable time to get through the great mass of local bills that continue to encumber the files.

Among the most important matters was the reporting favorably of the great resolution to ratify the proposed amendment to the constitution of the United States providing for an income tax.

Passed Third Reading.

H. B. Relating to drainage of Caldwell county.

H. B. To incorporate city of Greensboro.

H. B. To authorize bond issue for Oxford school building.

H. B. To authorize bond issue for Hickory.

H. B. To ratify sewer and water bonds of Murphy and authorize special tax.

H. B. To authorize commissioners of Stokes to apply surplus taxes.

H. B. To authorize refunding of debt of Rutherfordton.

H. B. To provide for new court house in Alleghany county.

H. B. To regulate jury fees in courts of justices of peace in Johnston county.

H. B. To protect quail in Gaston county, closing it for two years.

H. B. To repeal act of 1905 relating to drainage of Indian creek.

H. B. To authorize county commissioners of any county to make appropriations to assist farm demonstration work.

H. B. To regulate hunting and fishing in Burke county.

H. B. To protect lands from depredations thereon. An amendment by Mr. Turlington, striking out second section of the bill which makes it a misdemeanor to throw refuse on the lands of another being lost, the bill was recommitted.

H. B. To encourage growing of live stock in Beaufort.

H. B. To protect wild turkeys in Swain county.

H. B. To amend law of deer hunting in Dare county.

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GRAVE SITUATION THREATENS PORTUGAL

(By Cable to The Times.)

Madrid, Jan. 14.—The government is alarmed over the situation in Portugal. Grave rumors of another revolutionary outbreak have been in circulation for many hours. The government this afternoon sent four telegrams to the Spanish minister at Lisbon but was unable to get a reply. It is understood that the strike situation is becoming more serious hourly and that the metal workers have now joined the strike.

Indians Visit President.

Washington, Jan. 14.—A delegation of Apache Indians, headed by Chief Magoosh, asked President Taft today to release their fathers and grandfathers, about twenty in number, who have been held as prisoners of war at Fort Sill, Okla., for many years.

President Urged to Retaliate.

Washington, Jan. 14.—The entire Alabama congressional delegation today urged President Taft to retaliate against Germany for the tax on potash. The delegation told the president that the German manufacturers were "robbing southern farmers."

SENATE SESSION BRIEF

Senator Graham Withdraws His New Train Bill

Southern Has Already Agreed to Put the Train On—Bill Left on Calendar—Several New Bills and House Bills Passed Upon—Members Given Leaves of Absence.

At today's session of the Senate Senator Graham, of Orange, was allowed to withdraw from the committee on corporations his bill requiring the Southern Railway to put on an additional passenger train between Raleigh and Greensboro, and it was placed on the calendar until the train is put on. This was done because the Southern has already agreed to give the additional service.

The senate passed Senator Graham's resolution ordering 1,000 copies of the report of the state tax commission of 1885 printed, the supply having been exhausted. Senator Graham stated that he has not yet been able to find a single copy of the report anywhere in the state.

Senator Boyden, of Rowan, introduced a bill incorporating the North Carolina Detective Association.

Very little business of public interest came before the senate today, the session being brief and featureless.

Routine Proceedings.

The senate was called to order at 11 o'clock by President Newland, who requested Rev. Mr. Farmer to lead in prayer.

The courtesies of the senate were extended to ex-Senator McLean, of Robeson.

Senators Starbuck, of Forsyth, Cobb, of Robeson, Hicks, of Granville, and Cotten, of Pitt were granted leaves of absence.

Senator Graham, of Orange gave notice that after the business of today's session he would recall from the committee on corporations his bill requiring the Southern Railway to put on of an additional passenger train between Raleigh and Greensboro.

Senator Graham offered a resolution directing that 1,000 copies of the report of the tax commission of 1885 be printed, 200 for use of the senate, 300 for use of the house of representatives, and 500 for use of the treasurer. The resolution was placed on the calendar and passed its readings, being sent to the house without engrossment. Senator Graham stated that not a copy of the report can be found and would appreciate it if anyone will supply him with a copy.

Bills Introduced.

Graham of Orange: In reference to habeas corpus. Revisal committee.

Reinhart of Lincoln: Prescribing punishment for making false statements to obtain credit. Judiciary.

Boyd of Rowan: Incorporating the North Carolina Detective Association. Corporations.

Cotten of Pitt: Relating to taxing dogs. Propositions and grievances.

Simon of Burke: Appointing J. M. Smith justice of the peace in North Catawba township, Caldwell county; also relating to foreign executors.

Haymore of Surry: For the relief of W. J. Holland and C. M. Newton, of Surry.

House Bills Presented.

The following bills were received from the house and referred to appropriate committees:

Relating to cotton weigher at Alhambra, Stanly county.

Relative to witnesses and officers and pay of county commissioners of Cherokee county.

Validating probates in Granville county.

Relative to incest.

In reference to officers in New Hanover county receiving pay as witnesses.

Relating to private sales of property by administrators and executors. Fixing salaries for officers of Beaufort county.

Validating the official acts of the deputy clerk of Swain county.

Reports were received from Cullwee Normal School and the State Hospital at Goldsboro, giving salaries paid in each.

Passed Third Reading.

The following passed second and third readings and were ordered sent to the house without engrossment:

For the relief of the clerk of the court of Montgomery county.

Resolution directing that 1,000 copies of the tax commission of 1885 be printed.

Senator Graham was allowed to withdraw his bill requiring the



Miss Bessie Abbott, the soprano singer, whose vocal artistry has given her a reputation for the production of her husband's new opera, "Yasbel." Arrangements had been entered into between its composer, Pietro Mascagni and the Gaiety Company of New York, to place the first production of the opera before a New York audience and it was said Miss Abbott had been engaged to sing the title role. A misunderstanding, however, between the singers and the composer here practically made its New York debut an impossibility. The Liebers say that they were not able to accede to the exorbitant monetary demands of Mascagni while cables from Rome state that the reason Mascagni changed his mind was Miss Abbott's vocal artistry for the role of Yasbel.

Southern Railway to put on an additional passenger train between Raleigh and Greensboro, and it was ordered placed on the calendar until the train is put on. Senator Graham gave in detail his reasons for asking to withdraw the bill and having it placed on the calendar.

A message was received from the governor transmitting reports from the North Carolina Historical Commission and the Eastern Carolina Training School, giving salaries paid.

Senator McDonald of Moore was added to the committee on legislative apportionment.

The senate at 11:45 adjourned until 12 o'clock Monday.

RESERVOIR DAM BURSTS.

Water Swept Over Country—Eleven People Dead.

(By Cable to The Times.)

Madrid, Spain, Jan. 14.—A reservoir dam near the city of Huelva in the province of the same name, burst early today and the water swept down over the adjacent country in a raging flood. Eleven bodies have already been recovered and it is believed that many more are dead. A railroad train was derailed by the wall of water and the engineer and fireman were killed. Vast property damage has been done and a great deal of railroad trackage was carried away.

A relief army today started digging away the great masses of earth and stone and other debris which was piled up by the tidal wave of water.

The walls of the dam broke without warning and the wall of water swept down the valleys and hillsides, carrying an avalanche of rock and earth, uprooted trees and shattered buildings. The roar of the approaching mass of water travelled before it and many who saw the danger fled out of reach of the tidal wave.

A great deal of live stock was killed and crops were washed out.

Huelva has a population of 20,000 and first reports indicated that a portion of the town had been wiped away. Later this was denied. It is an important railroad center.

Mr. Frank Armbruster, of Wheeling, W. Va., is in the city for a few days.

COL. W. J. HICKS DEAD

Superintendent of the Oxford Orphan Asylum Passes

Died Early This Morning at His Home in Oxford—Had Been in Declining Health for Some Time—Formerly Lived in Raleigh.

(Special to The Times.)

Oxford, N. C., Jan. 14.—Col. William J. Hicks, one of the most prominent citizens of the state and for the past twelve years superintendent of the Oxford Orphan Asylum here, died this morning at 7 o'clock at his home at the age of 62. He had been in declining health for some time and while his death was not unexpected, still his condition had not been considered serious.

At his bedside was a number of his immediate family and the passing away was as peaceful and quiet as his walk in life and ever last. He is survived by his wife and four children.

Colonel Hicks was born in North Carolina county, Virginia on February 18, 1827 and moved to North Carolina in his early childhood, where he engaged in the mercantile business for some time. He then made his home in Raleigh, where in 1852 he was appointed superintendent and architect of the orphanage, where he remained for a number of years resigning to take up the work of superintendent of the orphanage.

The funeral arrangements have not been announced.

Colonel Hicks lived in this city for a number of years. He leaves surviving him a wife and four children, two sons, Messrs. J. M. W. Hicks, of New York City, and W. P. Hicks, of Blount, N. C.; two daughters, Mrs. J. C. Turner of Greensboro, N. C., and Mrs. W. A. Johnson, of Pittsburg, Pa., and several grandchildren. One daughter married Mr. J. P. Warr, of this city, but died several years ago.

The burial will take place here Monday, the hour has not yet been arranged. The Grand Lodge of Masons will be called to meet here Monday morning at Col. Hicks was a prominent member of that order and was for a number of years superintendent of the Orphan Home at Oxford, maintained by the Masons. The funeral will be conducted by the Masonic ecclesiastics.

Walter R. Duffy Dead.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)

Rochester, N. Y., Jan. 14.—Walter R. Duffy, aged 68, a multi-millionaire financier, died at his home here today. He was the owner of the New York and Kentucky Distilling Company, and interested in many financial institutions. He was president of the Lincoln National Bank.

Two Killed in Norfolk.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)

Norfolk, Va., Jan. 14.—Two men were killed today when the concrete walls of the Southern Bell Telephone Company's new building collapsed. The dead: James A. Morris and William Johnson.

BANKERS FRIGHTENED ANXIOUS TO TESTIFY

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)

New York, Jan. 14.—Frightened by the deposit holders of the grand jury in its investigation of the Northern Bank of Washington Savings Bank, four officials who have been indicted and others who are in danger of prosecution today appeared to the district attorney to allow them to turn state's evidence against Joseph G. Robin, the bank wrecker. Several bank officials who have fallen under the shadow of the grand jury's probe have expressed their willingness to tell all they know concerning the schemes of Robin whereby he was enabled to get away with more than \$200,000 in bank funds. The district attorney so far has made no reply to the overtures but it is expected that in one or two cases he will take advantage of the offers. This, it is thought, will clinch the case against Robin and insure his conviction.

HYDE COMING BACK.

Missing Man is at Daytona, Fla., and Will Return.

New York, Jan. 14.—Charles H. Hyde, city chamberlain of New York, who has been missing since early in December, when he was sought to give testimony as to an alleged pool of \$500,000 to defeat the



Mrs. Zol, wife of the Turkish ambassador, secretary of the Turkish embassy in Washington and the first American woman who has ever placed the Turkish Embassy, the arrival in Washington marks a new era in Turkish affairs in the embassy here.

Following the wives of the Turkish ambassadors and secretaries have been invited to the embassy, taking no part in the social life of the capital. Mrs. Zol, it is said, plans a social reception at the embassy that will place it in the front rank of Washington diplomatic business. Mrs. Zol was formerly Miss Cary Fellows, of Virginia, and New York. She was educated in Paris and at one time was resident of Constantinople, where her marriage to the rising young diplomat, Ibrahim Zol Bey, was an international romance of several seasons ago. She is an accomplished linguist and speaks her adopted tongue well. There is one child, a baby daughter, Alice.

being bills at Albany, is coming home. Mr. Hyde is now on his horse boat "Stop-a-while" at Daytona, Fla., but his mind is being forwarded to the New York Christian Home for Impoverished Men at Mount Vernon, which is also known as the Chester Crest Sanitarium. He had been sent there by the instructions of a personal representative and friend in this city.

It was learned today that a number of personal letters from Hyde referring to the \$500,000 bribery fund for the defeat of the anti-race track laws are in existence and some of them probably in the possession of M. Ann Bruce, counsel for the legislative investigating committee.

Robert H. Eldor, the busy assistant district attorney of Brooklyn, is said to have unearthed the Hyde letters.

NEW CHARTERS GRANTED.

Company Authorized to Purchase Land in Mattamuskeet Drainage District.

A certificate of incorporation has been granted to the Southern Land Reclamation Company, whose principal office is to be located at Swan Quarter, Hyde county, with a branch office in Boston. This is the company organized to purchase the interests in the State Board of Education drainage district, and it is granted extensive power in its charter. Among other things it is authorized to buy and sell lands, improve and cultivate the same, operate ferry boats, stage and telephone and electric lines, saw mills, grist mills and do a mercantile business. Its authorized capital is \$150,000. The incorporators are D. N. Graves, of Boston, who subscribes to half the stock, and W. P. Mason, J. P. Kerr and Chas. A. Webb, of Asheville, who subscribe to the remainder in equal number of shares.

A charter was also granted to The Farm Supply Company, of Margarettown, Northampton county, authorizing it to transact a general mercantile business. Its capital stock is \$25,000. The incorporators are: J. G. Bolton, C. B. Vick, B. H. Laffler and A. W. Vick, all of Margarettown.

Six Dead From Wreck.

Batavia, N. Y., Jan. 14.—The wreck of the New York Central here yesterday morning has now claimed six lives. H. H. Cade, 6213 Lexington avenue, Chicago, died of his injuries this morning.

MATTAMUSKET IS SOLD

Board of Education Sell Holdings For About \$100,000

Deal Closed Finally at Meeting Held in Governor's Office Today—Company Organized to Purchase Lake Bottom—Composed of Asheville and Boston Capitalists.

The Mattamusket Lake Improvement, which in the past threatened to involve the state in litigation, has been finally settled by the sale of the state owned lake bottom holdings in the Mattamusket Lake to the Southern Land Reclamation Company, which was chartered today to purchase the lake bottom.

The deal was closed at a meeting of the board of education held in the governor's office this afternoon, and the deed for the lake bottom holdings was immediately prepared and closed.

The board of education was paid the sum of \$100,000 for its holdings, which embrace an area of 18,820 acres of the lake bottom. The state is also to be reimbursed for the money already spent in the preliminary work for the drainage of the tract, amounting to between \$5,000 and \$6,000.

The company purchasing the state's land is composed mostly of Asheville men, headed by former State Senator Charles A. Webb. This company agrees to do all in its power to push forward the drainage plans.

Drainage Plans Approved.

The sale which had been pending since December of last year, was finally consummated by the purchase of the lake bottom by the Southern Land Reclamation Company, which was chartered today. The sale was approved by the board of education, and the estimate of the cost of the work, which was about \$100,000, approximately, would be inadequate. The company owns about 10,000 acres of land in the district, and threatened to bring an injunction suit to stop the sale. At this juncture an agreement was reached between the higher company and the board to submit the plans to some other competent engineer, both sides agreeing to abide by his decision. J. T. Coleman, a well-known drainage engineer of New Orleans, was chosen to go over the plans and pass upon them. He made his report on the plans and approved them as practicable, with some slight changes which he suggests as well designed for the proper drainage of the district. He also says that the estimate of the work is well within its probable limits.

On this report the board of education and the engineers of the higher company conferred and the meeting this afternoon was the result.

The Southern Land Reclamation Company was chartered this morning to purchase the state's holdings in this district. It is half a Boston concern, D. N. Graves, of that city, holding half the stock, and partly North Carolina, in that former State Senator Charles A. Webb, of Asheville, W. T. Mason, a prominent lumberman of the same city, and J. P. Kerr, also of Asheville, hold half the stock among them. This company has elaborate plans for the development of their lands, and its charter powers enable it to carry on most any kind of business it may desire to engage in.

This is one of the biggest drainage propositions ever undertaken in the world so far as is known. There are some drained lakes in Holland almost as large, but not covering quite such an extensive area. The company intends to push the drainage as rapidly as possible and reclaim the land and put it in cultivation as fast as it dries out.

The tract is now wholly under water.

Fire in Fincastle, Va.

Roanoke, Va., Jan. 14.—A \$12,000 fire swept away a part of the business district of Fincastle, Va., the county seat of Botetourt county early today. The insurance was about \$1,700 on the half-dozen or so houses destroyed.

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NURSE KLINE TELLS STORY OF POISONING

Nurse Juliette Kline, Keystone Witness of Prosecution Tells of Mrs. Schenck

EVIDENCE OF EXPERT

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)

Wheeling, W. Va., Jan. 14.—Claiming to have established the two main points in the state's fight to convict Mrs. Laura Farnsworth Schenck of attempting to poison her husband, Prosecuting Attorney Handlan expressed his belief today that the case against the defendant had been clinched.

"We have established the fact that two kinds of poison were administered to John O. Schenck and we have established the motive through the testimony of Daniel Phillips," declared Mr. Handlan.

"Mrs. Schenck was in love with Phillips—that is the reason she wanted to get rid of her husband. Lundy Wilson, Mrs. Schenck's chauffeur, will give testimony of a highly sensational nature; in fact, his testimony will be the real thriller of the trial. Nurse Kline will testify as to Mrs. Schenck's being the one who administered the poison.

"We have not yet decided whether Mrs. Schenck shall be put on the stand."

Dr. J. B. Thornton, the medical expert, was the first witness summoned by the state today. The case was late in getting started because of several minor criminal cases which had been set for hearing.

Albert Lash, the youngest juror on the panel, received the congratulations of the lawyers today when he came into court. A young son had been born at his home during the night.

Mrs. Schenck smiled brightly at the juror when she heard the news.

After shaking hands with her lawyers she read a morning paper while Dr. Thornton gave the first testimony. When she was asked what she thought of the case so far, she said:

"I am perfectly satisfied."

Daniel Phillips, who testified against Mrs. Schenck yesterday, appeared in court today wearing one of

MASTERS AND SIBLEY TO BE BROUGHT BACK

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)

Jackson, Miss., Jan. 14.—J. C. Masters and Thomas H. Sibley, under arrest here on a charge of using the mails to defraud, were arraigned before Commissioner Moseley this afternoon and an order for their return to North Carolina. The government's allegation is that Sibley and Masters, operating under the corporate name of the Albemarle Investment Company have sold and resold one hundred tracts of land in Albemarle county, N. C., until they realized a quarter of a million dollars from their victims scattered over more than twenty states. The land used as a basis for their speculation is not worth more than \$10 an acre.

Senator Aldrich's Condition.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)

Washington, Jan. 14.—Grave reports as to the conditions of Senator Nelson W. Aldrich's health were circulated here today. Inquiries at the home yesterday brought out the statement that Senator Aldrich would be in his seat during the afternoon. He failed to appear. It has been known for some time that he has suffered severely from the shock sustained when run down and injured in New York City a few months ago.