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REPORT IN SENATE ON LAND TITLES

Committee Appointed to Investigate Torrens System of Land Registration Makes Report

ANTI-MONOPOLY BILL

Senator Lemmond Introduces Bill to Prevent Monopolies by Gas, Electric Power, and Other Corporations—Senator Boyden Introduces Bill to Appropriate \$25,000 to Erect a Suitable Monument on Gettysburg Battlefield to the Memory of North Carolina Troops. Debate Over the Quail Bill—Substitute For Bill Relative to Escapes—Senator Pharr Presides.

The most important bill introduced in the senate today was by Senator Lemmond of Union, preventing monopolies by gas, electric, power and other corporations in the state. Senator Boyden introduced a bill appropriating \$25,000 for a suitable monument on Gettysburg battlefield to honor the memory of North Carolina troops.

The committee appointed by the general assembly of 1909 to investigate the Torrens land titles made a report and 2,500 copies were ordered printed.

The senate received a dozen or more bills from the house, the most notable being one apportioning assessments against abutting property owners for paving, etc., in cities and towns. Another makes owners of dogs liable for damages in certain cases.

The committee reported a substitute for the bill relating to escapes and action was postponed.

Consideration of the bill relating to incest was also deferred, and the senate will not act on the report of the Board of Internal Improvements until Monday, when Senator Brown will renew his motion to appoint a special committee to investigate.

Objection was made to the bill incorporating the Lenoir and Blowing Rock Turnpike Company, and it was made a special order for next Wednesday.

The bill increasing the salary of the adjutant-general from \$1,600 to \$2,000 per year was reported favorably by the committee on salaries and fees, but went to the committee on appropriations.

THE SENATE IN DETAIL.

President Pro. Tom Pharr called the senate to order at 11 o'clock and invited Rev. H. M. North, of Edenton Street Methodist church, to lead in prayer.

A message was received from the house transmitting a number of bills, mostly of a local character. One of these provides for the apportionment of local assessments against abutting property owners for paving, etc., in cities and towns, and another makes owners of dogs liable for damage in certain cases.

Report on Torrens Land Titles.

A report was received from a committee appointed by the general assembly of 1909 to investigate the Torrens land titles system, and on motion of Senator Brown 2,500 copies were ordered printed.

Bills Ratified.

Preventing the shipment of live quail out of the state.

Authorize the town of Elkin to issue bonds.

Authorize Hickory to issue bonds to extend sewerage system.

Amend the road law of Montgomery county.

Concerning the working of the public roads of Lincoln county.

Reports of Committees.

In the reports of committees a substitute was presented for the bill relative to escapes. Unfavorable reports were made on the bill relative to sub-tenants and the bill allowing changes and alterations in streets and alleys, when property is platted and sold in lots.

Introduction of Bills.

Lemmond of Union: Prevent monopolies by gas, electric, power and other corporations.

Greene of Craven: Promote public health by proper ditching and drainage.

Boyden of Rowan: Appropriate \$25,000 for suitable monument on

battlefield of Gettysburg in honor of the memory of North Carolina troops.

McDonald of Moore: Authorize Sanford to issue bonds to extend sewerage system.

Thorne of Nash: Grant new charter to Whitakers.

Haymore of Surry: Establish additional school district in Stokes; also change township line in Surry; also establish colored graded school district known as Ararat in Surry.

Debate on Quail Bill.

Senator Cotten of Pitt asked that the bill prohibiting shipping live quail out of the state be reconsidered, and was informed that this bill had already passed and been ratified, and that he could introduce a supplemental bill if he so desired.

Senator Cotten thought the bill was rushed through without due consideration, that quail are now considered an asset for the farmer and that the bill does him an injustice.

Senator Baggett said he opposed the bill when it was introduced because he considered it entirely too drastic, as it even prohibits a man from shipping a few quail to a friend out of the state.

Special Order For Blowing Rock Turnpike.

Objection was raised to the bill incorporating the Lenoir and Blowing Rock Turnpike Company, providing that convicts be furnished by the state to work on the road at \$1.50 per day, the state receiving stock in the company for such.

Senator Brown of Columbus moved the matter be postponed indefinitely, but Senator Long of Iredell urged the passage of the bill, saying the house had passed it after careful consideration.

Senator Sigmon of Burke also spoke for the bill, declaring that this is a good proposition, the stock now selling at par, and that the road is important to the people of that section, as it is their only outlet.

Senator Thorne moved as an amendment that it be made a special order for next Wednesday at 12:00 o'clock.

Senator Brown accepted the amendment.

Senator Long of Iredell wanted it made a special order for next Saturday, but finally Senator Thorne's motion carried.

Passed and Sent to the House.

Incorporating the town of Unionville, Union county.

Provide better drainage of Lower creek, Caldwell county. (Amended by committee.)

Consolidate North and South Carolina Railroads under the laws of South Carolina. (Amended by committee.)

Allow ex-sheriff of Iredell county to collect arrears of taxes.

Change pay of jurors in Caswell, Increase pay of commissioners of Montgomery county.

Allow Charlotte Park and Free Company to sell part of its real estate.

Passed and Enrolled For Ratification.

Authorize town of Washington to pay its indebtedness.

Amend the road law of Hertford county.

Increase pay of jurors of Stanly county.

Relative to pay of witnesses and officers of Cherokee county.

Relative to jury fees in justice of the peace courts in Johnston county.

For relief of Miss Maude Berry, of Macon county.

Relative to pay of jurors in Gaston.

Incorporate Co. B, of State Troops, Relative to the North Carolina Agricultural Society.

Allow majority of qualified voters of Macon county to call stock law election.

Miscellaneous Business.

Senator Hobgood's bill increasing the salary of the adjutant general from \$1,600 to \$2,000 was reported favorably, but on motion of Senator Brown was referred to the committee on appropriations.

The bill relative to escapes was reported with a substitute, and on motion action was deferred.

Petitions were read from voters of Bessemer City and Mountain Island cotton mills, asking that 10 hours be established as the time for a day's work in cotton mills.

Consideration of the bill facilitating road building in Brunswick county was postponed; also the bill relating to incest.

The report of the State Board of Internal Improvements relating to the state's interests in certain enterprises was read and placed on the calendar until Monday, when Senator Brown will renew his motion to appoint a special committee of two from the house to investigate.

Leaves of absence were granted to Senators Hicks and Bellamy until Tuesday, Hartsell until Wednesday, and Sigmon until Thursday.

The senate at 12:30 adjourned until 12:00 o'clock Monday.



SENATOR BAILEY, OF TEXAS, DEMOCRATIC LEADER IN THE SENATE, WHO IN A RECENT SPEECH AT THE JACK-O-RANTAN JUBILEE IN BALTIMORE, DECLARED THAT THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY BELIEVES IN PROGRESS BUT THAT IT BELIEVES STILL MORE IN SAFETY. "IT WILL NEVER HAZARD THE FUTURE OF THE COUNTRY," SAID HE, "BY REJECTING THAT WHICH HAS BEEN TRIED AND FOUND TO SERVE A NOBLE PURPOSE IN A VAIN ATTEMPT TO REALIZE THE UTOPIAN DREAM OF SOCIALISM."

Senator Bailey, of Texas, Democratic leader in the senate, who in a recent speech at the Jack-o-rantan jubilee in Baltimore, declared that the Democratic party believes in progress but that it believes still more in safety. "It will never hazard the future of the country," said he, "by rejecting that which has been tried and found to serve a noble purpose in a vain attempt to realize the utopian dream of socialism." Senator Bailey was also optimistic in regard to the Democrats' ability to handle the tariff question in harmony. In the method of revision he differs from Champ Clark, who will be the new Speaker in the House. Clark favors a piecemeal revision of the tariff, while Bailey declares for a blanket revision.

COMPROMISE VERDICT ENDS GYPSY TROUBLE

(Special to The Times.)
Wadesboro, Jan. 21.—In the superior court this morning the gypsy troubles came to an abrupt end with a compromise verdict. The Mirchells admitted to assault and were fined \$250 and costs. All of the cases against the Joan faction were dismissed.

BOYDEN BILL ENDORSED.

Hickory Chamber of Commerce Endorses Bill for New State Building.

Senator Boyden today received the following letter:
Dear Sir: A. H. Boyden, Raleigh, N. C.
The Hickory Chamber of Commerce, at a meeting last night, unanimously passed the following resolutions in endorsing your bill a king for an appropriation of \$1,000,000 for erecting state buildings at Raleigh:
Whereas, The State of North Carolina has suffered for years through lack of proper government buildings at the capital of the state; and
Whereas, Senator A. H. Boyden has introduced a bill in the state legislature asking an appropriation of \$1,000,000 for the purposes of erecting such buildings; therefore, be it
Resolved, That the Hickory Chamber of Commerce heartily endorse this bill and would supplement it by, assisting that the amount appropriated be not confined to \$1,000,000 but be increased if necessary, to such amount that would insure for our state, buildings that would not only supply the needs of the present generation, but would anticipate the needs of generations to come.

EXPRESS RATES.

Interstate Commerce Commission Will Begin an Investigation.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)
Washington, Jan. 21.—The Interstate Commerce Commission is to soon begin an investigation of the reasonableness of express rates throughout the country. More than 200 commercial organizations have complained to the commission concerning the high rates.

The fact that the principle express companies operating in the United States and Canada have agreed to lower their rates, may have the effect of delaying a decision until after March 15. The board of review of the commission is preparing recommendations to the commission upon which a decision will be based.

THE SCHENCK TRIAL

Defense Claims Conspiracy Against Mrs. Schenck

Schenck Family Wants to Get Her Out of the Way, It is Charged—Prosecutor Handlan Says Mrs. Schenck Practically Admitted Her Guilt to Him.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)
Wheeler, W. Va., Jan. 21.—"Mrs. Schenck practically admitted to me on the night of her arrest that she had poisoned her husband," she said, "and that she was too sick to tell me about it at that time but promised to confess at the next morning. The following morning she maintained a certain silence by her in the meantime engaged counsel. It is this virtual confession of her crime that is now keeping her off the witness stand."

Prosecutor Handlan with this statement today greeted the announcement by the defense that Mrs. Laura Fairbank Schenck would not go upon the stand in her trial on the charge of attempting to poison her millionaire husband, at the opening of court.

When court opened at 10 o'clock for both sides expressed the belief that the case would be in the hands of the jury before night.

Mr. Handlan said he would proceed before the trial ended that the accused woman had admitted her guilt to him.

Dr. S. L. Jepson was the first witness to take the stand this morning.

Mrs. Schenck, dressed in the same simple gown she had worn during the trial, about 10 o'clock, stated which her counsel while Dr. Jepson presented the preliminary and preliminary questions as to the time and manner of the trial, she said she was not prepared to answer any of the questions.

Dr. Jepson declared that on his first examination of John O. Schenck, he had found that he was suffering from arsenic poisoning. He said that later upon Dr. F. L. Hopp's examination, he was satisfied that the latter's testimony that Schenck showed symptoms of suffering from Bell's palsy.

Prosecutor Handlan proposed the hypothetical question and the witness was then excused.

Mr. J. C. Hodges, the next witness, gave the first evidence the defense has yet introduced to attempt to establish a claim that Mrs. Schenck is the victim of a conspiracy on the part of the Schenck family. She testified: "Last April Albert Schenck, a brother of John told me that John had purchased his wife an automobile and added, 'I hope she breaks my neck in it.' Albert further told me that he would leave no stone unturned to get her out of the family."

Chief cross-examination was brought out that Mrs. Hodges, the defendant in a suit over property brought by Albert Schenck some time ago. However, she swore that she had never threatened to "get even" with Albert Schenck for suing her. She said she volunteered her testimony and was then excused until this afternoon.

"He was and had yourself with all the information you can before returning to court," murmured Prosecutor Handlan as Mrs. Hodges was stepping down from the elevated witness chair.

"I didn't come here, Mr. Handlan, to be insulted," cried the witness indignantly giving up the prosecutor.

"I'm sorry to hear that, Madam," said Mr. Handlan with a bow.

"Accepted," exclaimed Mrs. Hodges indignantly and swept from the court room.

Dr. Best was then called to the stand for the fourth time since the trial started. Dr. Best could not be found when the court called for his testimony.

RYCE TO RETIRE.

Report That English Ambassador is to Retire and be Succeeded by Maurice DeBunsen.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)
Washington, Jan. 21.—Ambassador Bryce, according to reports in diplomatic circles here, contemplates an early retirement from his post and Sir Maurice De Bunsen is named as his successor. This news has not been denied so far, and great interest in the report is manifested in this city's diplomatic colony, where it is argued Sir Maurice would be received as persona gratissima.

Sir Maurice, who is now British ambassador at Madrid, began his diplomatic career in the United States as an attaché at Washington in 1878, and is not a stranger in this city.

Just a Little Longer Wait.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)
Chicago, Jan. 21.—The traveling public will have to wait for ten more days before it is entitled to climb into the upper berth of Pullman cars for less money. The interstate commerce commission states that on or before February 1st it will order the rates reduced in accordance with rulings made some weeks ago.



Charles F. Johnson, the new United States senator from Maine, who has been chosen to succeed Eugene Hale, the veteran member of the upper house of congress, Johnson is a Democrat, and is the first man of this political color to represent the state of Maine in the United States senate in thirty years. Hale, whose term expires March 3rd, has been a member of the senate for thirty years, and has occupied a position in the councils of that body second only to that of Senator Aldrich.

LUNATIC ATTACKS SIR THOMAS LIPTON

(By Cable to The Times.)
London, Jan. 21.—Sir Thomas Lipton, the millionaire merchant and yachtsman, had a narrow escape from death today when a dangerous lunatic threatened his life with a razor and a large sum of money was paid to him. Sir Thomas escaped through the help of a nurse, using the telephone and a substitute and getting the police who placed the assailant under arrest.

FIRE IN RESIDENCE.

Five Persons Burned to Death, Mrs. Brooks, Three Children and Servant.

(By Cable to The Times.)
Toronto, Ont., Jan. 21.—Five persons met their death and another was taken to the western hospital probably fatally injured as the result of a fire which destroyed the residence of Percy Brooks, manager of the Fairbanks-Stable Company of Toronto, at 175 Indian Road today. While the cause of the fire is a matter of uncertainty, it is believed to have been due to a defective furnace.

Mr. Percy Brooks, the husband and father of four of the victims, is at present in Chicago.

The fire was discovered by a neighbor who lives across the road. He was returning from a party and noticed the blaze and turned in an alarm. The victims were:

Mrs. Percy Brooks, Three children, Percy, aged five, George, aged three, and Woodie, aged two, and a Scotch servant, who had been with the family since January 1. Another servant, a nurse girl, Maugle McAllden, was taken to the hospital badly burned about the head and arms.

PLAGUE IN PEKIN.

First Case of Dreaded Scourge Reaches That City.

(By Cable to The Times.)

Pekin, Jan. 21.—A case of bubonic plague was discovered in this city today. Although the government attempted to keep the information secret, it was learned that a traveler from Harbin, Manchuria, who was infected with the dreaded disease, escaped detection and entered the city. For two days he has been within the most thickly congested quarter of the city. It was announced this morning that all of the foreign legations will be quarantined.

Northern China and Manchuria are being scourged by the plague and a week ago it was estimated that at least 100,000 had died. The com-

plete absence of sanitation has made it impossible to curb the disease there and the authorities are taking the view that it will have to sweep itself out.

Should the plague gain a foothold in the dense populated city of Peking, a reign of horror and death would be the inevitable result. In the quarter of the city occupied by the poorest people there, are practically no means of fighting the pestilence and the death toll probably would run into the thousands. Scores of families occupy the same buildings and sanitary means of ventilation and sewerage are unknown.

With this terrible element of the situation facing the authorities drastic steps are being taken to fight the incidence of the scourge. Public health officers are disinfecting buildings and extra forces have been employed to remove challenges.

NORTH CAROLINA SECOND.

Maintains Her Place in Cotton Industry, Though Shows Falling Off.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)
Washington, D. C., Jan. 21.—In the consumption of cotton in the United States according to the forthcoming census bulletin 110 on the supply and distribution of cotton for the year ending August 31, 1910, the state of Massachusetts ranks first, North Carolina second, South Carolina third, Alabama sixth, and Rhode Island seventh.

Of the three most important cotton-consuming states, North Carolina shows a loss of 12 per cent in the consumption of cotton in the year 1910, as compared with 1909, South Carolina a loss of 10 per cent, and Massachusetts a loss of 7 per cent. Georgia, which ranks fourth in consumption, shows a loss of 8 per cent.

The statistics of spindles in the report relate to the year ending August 31, except those for 1910, which have been compiled from returns of manufacturers for the census of 1909 and relate, as a rule, to December 31, 1909. The number shown for 1910 is 29,388,945 and exceeds the number for 1909 by 611,848, or only 2 per cent.

Massachusetts exceeds every other state in the number of cotton spindles, having 9,825,619, or 24 per cent of the total for the country. South Carolina ranks second, with 3,793,387, or 14 per cent, and North Carolina third with 3,124,156, or 11 per cent. Rhode Island has fourth place, Georgia fifth, New Hampshire sixth, Connecticut seventh, New York eighth, and Maine ninth. No state reports as many as a million spindles.

An interesting illustration of the manner in which foreign countries have suffered during the past year from the short supply of American cotton is presented by the statistics of exports, which, for the year covered by the present report, show a decrease of 2,241,900 bales, or 26 per cent, from the previous year, smaller than for any year since that ending August 31, 1905.

TILLMAN IN BAD HEALTH.

Nephew of "Senator Ben" and the Slayer of Gonzales, Very Low in Asheville.

(Special to The Times.)
Asheville, N. C., Jan. 21.—A special to the New York Herald Syndicate from Edgefield, S. C., the home of Senator Tillman, says that Col. James H. Tillman, a nephew of the senator and the slayer of Gonzales, is dying in poverty in Asheville, estranged from his friends and relatives. The special goes on to say that Col. Tillman is attended by only a nurse, living in a four-room cottage and is suffering with consumption; that his wife left him some time ago, and that before coming to Asheville he lived a hermit's life in a tent in South Carolina.

Mr. Tillman came here a few months ago for his health and is in a very serious condition. He seems to be living very comfortably in a little cottage on the Manor estate. A reporter called at the house yesterday but did not see Mr. Tillman, but he learned that he was not improving, that on the contrary he is afflicted with rheumatism in addition to his other trouble, and that he is in a very irritable frame of mind, easily worried and nervous. Not long ago his sister came up from Spartanburg and brought with her an old negro nurse.

The story goes on to say, too, that since the killing of Gonzales, Colonel Tillman's star began to wane and that he had been shunned by those who had hitherto been his friends. No doubt this is true, but he does not seem to be in actual want if that was the impression intended to be conveyed, but he is no doubt as comfortably situated as he well could be.

HOUSE WORKS HARD TO CLEAR ITS CALENDAR

Keeps At It Although Result Is Only Local Bills Passed

REPORT ON TORRENSLAW

Mr. Connor Introduces His Employers Liability Bill Copied After Federal Statute—Insurance Matters Affect—Report on Torrens System Favors Its Adoption—Slow to Increase Salaries of Clerks and Supreme Court Reporter—Complications on Dog Tax Laws—Long Session Marked Only by Industry.

The long session of the house today was not marked by any feature except its industry.

The house sat through the reading of numberless local bills. There were several new measures offered, but outside of three bills relating to insurance these were of minor importance.

One measure of more importance than the rest was Mr. Connor's employer's liability law for which he made a losing fight two years ago. The new bill is practically the same as that defeated two years ago and is copied after the federal statute.

The report of the commission appointed at the last session to investigate the Torrens system of land registration submitted by Mr. Connor of Wilson, strongly favored the passage of some legislation after the plan of the Torrens system. A bill will be later introduced to carry out these recommendations.

Mr. Turlington introduced a bill for the insurance department authorizing companies not licensed in the state to write policies provided they file the number and other identifying data regarding the policy with the insurance commissioner and pay into his office a fee of 5 per cent. of the gross premium.

Mr. Williams of Buncombe introduced a bill to permit land title companies to invest part of their funds in their title records, after having invested \$50,000 of their capital in securities required by law.

The law to regulate barber shops, making them sanitary, made its appearance, authored by Dr. Kent of Caldwell.

The committee on judiciary passed over the bill increasing the salary of the supreme court reporter, and the bill increasing the pay of clerks in the insurance department and auditor's department to the committee on salaries and fees.

The only measure that excited any argument was the bill removing the limitation on amount in the short form of chattel mortgages, providing that any amount may be registered in the short form for the usual fee. There was some opposition to this and the bill went over 'till next week.

HOUSE ROUTINE.

The house was called to order at the regular hour by Speaker Dowd, who called upon Rev. Dr. Lay to offer the opening prayer.

Petitions, Memorials, Etc.

Latham of Beaufort: From citizens of Belhaven against intoxicating liquor.

Brown of Stanly: From people of Stanly to prohibit sale of near-beer.

Smith of Greene: From citizens of Greene against cigarettes.

Connor of Wilson: Report of commission of North Carolina to investigate land titles.

McNeill of Moore: From Moore county asking better service on Seaboard.

Reports of Committees.

The following bills were reported favorably except as otherwise noted: H. B. To incorporate Culberson in Cherokee.

S. B. For relief of Burlington, N. C.

S. B. To authorize county home in Polk with issue of bonds.

H. B. To amend charter of Mt. Olive.

H. B. To create Glenwood township in McDowell county.

H. B. To secure use to people of

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