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CLUB LIQUOR BILL PASSED THE SENATE

Created Considerable Discussion and Substitute From Committee Was Adopted

MORE NEW BILLS TODAY

Senate Clearing Up the Odds and Ends of the Session—Proceeding With Much Care and Deliberation. Conference Committee Appointed on the Machinery Act—Long List of Bills Ratified—Several New Bills Introduced—Bill Relative to Building and Loan Associations Ratified.

President Newland convened the senate at 10:20 o'clock, Rev. H. M. North, of Edenton street Methodist church, offering prayer.

New Bills Introduced.

McDonald: Regulate the number of pages, assistants to sergeants-at-arms, stationery clerks, and sweepers of the general assembly.

Barnes: Incorporate the Virginia & East Carolina Railroad.

Sikes: Amend the game law of Wake county.

Coxe: Validate the election of officers of Webster.

Long: Authorize the North Carolina & Virginia Railroad of North Carolina to sell its property to the North Carolina & Virginia Railroad of Virginia.

Much Care Exercised.

The senate proceeded at once to cleaning up the odds and ends of the session of 1911 with but slight hope of completing the work today. There was considerable confusion in the senate chamber and lobbies and there were many complaints as to the noise of incessant talking, the senators seeming determined to see to it that the business be carried on in a deliberate and an orderly manner.

A message was received from the house that that body had failed to concur in the senate amendments to the machinery act and President Newland appointed Senators Brown, Hicks, and Basset as members of the conference committee. These senators are also members of the conference committee on the revenue.

Each and every bill read was scrutinized carefully and numbers of them were laid on the table, the most notable being to provide for equal working of highways.

Ratified Bills.

Eighty bills were ratified, up to No. 1,114, nearly all of them purely local acts.

Notable among the bills ratified are: Relative to building and loan associations. Extend time for completion of

MR. PINCHOT TO SOUND KEYNOTE

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)
Akron, O., March 6.—The keynote of the National Progressive Republican League will be sounded here tonight by Gifford Pinchot, former United States forester and political follower of Colonel Theodore Roosevelt, in a speech which he will deliver at the banquet of progressive republicans of Ohio. Mr. Pinchot, who was one of the founders of the league, has chosen for his topic the principles of the progressive movement, its motive and its effect upon American politics.

The ex-forester is expected to attack the trusts, the political conditions which allow "interest" to exploit the possessions of the United States, harmful "regularity" in party politics and the system which now prevails in the nomination of presidents.

Mr. Pinchot's attitude upon the presidential question will be of deep interest as the result of the reports that the primary purpose of the league is to defeat Mr. Taft for the presidential nomination next year. Upon the question of conservation Mr. Pinchot is expected to say that it is time to end once and for all the corrupt practices which have enabled great financial interests to acquire natural resources for the mere asking.

Wilmington, Brunswick & Southern Railway.

Amend section 4738 of the Revisal of 1905 relative to insurance.

Relative to salary of law clerk of attorney-general.

Enlarge Harnett county out of Cumberland county.

Safeguard state's interest in turnpikes and other enterprises.

Provide additional clerical assistance to the governor.

Relative to analyses of fertilizers.

Relative to disbursement of school funds of Wake county.

Divide North Carolina into ten congressional districts.

Regulate primary elections in Wake county.

Club Liquor Bill.

The bill to prohibit the handling of intoxicating liquors by clubs or associations provoked a lively debate.

Senator McLaughlin, chairman of the committee on propositions and grievances, reported that his committee had prepared a substitute for the Brown bill, which, he said, was deemed too drastic.

Senator Boyden made a vigorous protest against any more legislation along this line, declaring that his position was well known and that he was convinced that the prohibition law of North Carolina is a complete farce and a failure. He moved to postpone action.

Sensors Hartsell, McLaughlin, and Thorne advocated the committee substitute, explaining that it is almost identical with the bill which passed the house, and does not prohibit any club member from keeping his own liquor in a locker at his club and giving a drink to any of his friends, but does prohibit the club from keeping and serving liquor to its members or others.

Senator Boyden withdrew his motion.

Senator Graham offered a substitute having provisions fully as drastic as Senator Brown's original bill.

Senator Brown made a strong speech against clubs serving liquor, stating that 160,000 people have declared by their votes that they want prohibition in North Carolina, and he was not in favor of allowing a certain people under the guise of a gentlemen's club, certain privileges that are not extended to all the people.

Senator Martin, of Buncombe, argued for the committee substitute and against Senator Graham's substitute. He believed the committee substitute shaved the question down as close as possible to the rights of the individual without interfering with those rights.

Senator Hicks also favored the committee substitute.

Senator Barham offered an amendment providing that nothing in the bill shall prevent a member from keeping liquor in a club of which he is a member. He explained that this only made this point clearer. His amendment was lost.

Senator Graham's substitute was defeated.

The committee substitute was adopted and passed second and third readings and was sent to the house.

Constitution Amendments Bill Held Up.

Senator Sikes' bill to amend the constitution of North Carolina was reported without prejudice by the committee on Judiciary and Senator Pharr moved to table it on the ground that it is entirely too important to consider within such a short time.

At Senator Sikes' request he withdrew his motion and consideration of the bill was postponed with the hope that the senate might find time to give it due deliberation.

County Boundary Line Changed.

The bill to change the boundary line between Washington and Chowan counties passed second and third readings and was ordered enrolled after a tilt between Senator Barnes and Martin, of Washington, the latter being victorious in that the bill as passed enlarges the territory of Washington county by putting the boundary line in the middle of Albemarle Sound.

Health Bill Special Order.

The bill to amend the health laws of North Carolina was bitterly attacked by Senator Kitchin, who asked that it be killed unless properly amended.

After some discussion a motion of Senator Hicks prevailed that it be made special order for 5:30 o'clock this afternoon.

Merchandise Approval Bill Passed.

Senator Basset's bill to protect persons who sell merchandise an approval passed and was sent to the house.

Wake Salary Bill Amended.

Senator Sikes secured the passage of an amendment to his bill placing the officers of Wake county on salary, the amendment providing that the auditor shall begin his duties April 1, 1911. The other county officers are to go on salary June 1, 1911.

"Marriage" Bill Passed.

The joint resolution providing for



Clara Taylor, the pretty music hall singer, for whom Lord George Cholmondeley will sacrifice a legacy of \$15,000 to wed.

Clara Taylor is Mrs. Clara Stirling, divorced wife of John Alexander Stirling, the Laird Kippendavie, whose suit for a divorce caused such a sensation in London society. Lord George Cholmondeley is the second son of the Marquis of Cholmondeley. Lord George will forfeit a \$15,000 legacy on his wedding day, which was bequeathed to him on condition that he "marry a lady in Society."

The appointment of a commission to consider the advisability of consolidating the agricultural department and the A. & M. College at Raleigh, passed and was sent back to the house for concurrence in senate amendment, which adds the president of the senate and speaker of the house to the commission.

Mining Bill.

The bill to regulate mining passed and was sent to the house for concurrence in senate amendment. It carries an annual appropriation of \$2,500 and was explained by Senator Coxe, who stated that it is designed to make possible the operation of mines in North Carolina.

Liability of Initial Common Carrier.

Senator Graham's bill relative to the liability of the initial common carrier in the transportation of freight passed and was sent to the house.

Senator Graham stated that his bill was simply a copy of the Carmack amendment to the Hepburn act of congress.

To Protect the Capitol From Fire.

Senator Graham introduced a joint resolution in regard to the capitol building and grounds, increasing the appropriation for this purpose from \$600 to \$1,000 annually, and directing that special attention be given to the capitol to protect it from fire.

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HOTEL CRYSTAL BURNED

Two Ladies Killed, One by Flames and One by Jumping

The Hotel Crystal, Formerly the Lakeview Hotel of Lakeview Burned—Two Fatalities and One Seriously Hurt.

The Hotel Crystal, of Lakeview, was burned this morning, the fire starting at 4:30 from the steam heating fixtures in the basement. Two ladies, guests of the hotel lost their lives. They were Mrs. Barnes and Mrs. Youngland, both of Massachusetts. Mrs. Barnes was burned to death in the building. She was completely incinerated, no trace of her remains being found in the ruins. Mrs. Youngland was killed by jumping from a window.

Another lady whose name could not be learned broke both legs in jumping from a window. All the other guests escaped in safety.

The Crystal was formerly known as the Lakeview Hotel and is much patronized by winter tourists.

DEATH AT FAYETTEVILLE.

Mrs. A. A. McKeeham Burned Sunday and Died Today From Her Injuries

(Special to The Times.)

Fayetteville, March 6.—Mrs. A. A. McKeeham, wife of A. A. McKeeham, clerk of the superior court, died at the residence on Beeson street in this city at eleven-thirty this morning from burns received Sunday morning. Mrs. McKeeham was attending for church when her clothing caught from the open fire place. She was entirely alone in the house and her screams summoned her cook from the kitchen across the yard and Mrs. E. J. McKeeham the nearest neighbor. Before they reached her every vestige of clothing was burned from her body. Everything that became heated and medical skill could do was of no avail to save her life.

The burns were of a fearful character and covered 70 per cent of her body. Death was expected from the first. Mrs. McKeeham who was Miss Otha Uiby, eldest daughter of Joseph Uiby, of this city, was a woman of excellent Christian character and one of the most prominent and beloved women in this city. A gloom is cast over the city by her tragic death.

J. M. ALLEN DEAD.

Death Came Saturday Evening—Funeral This Afternoon at 3:30 O'clock.

Late Saturday evening Mr. J. M. Allen passed away at his home in this city after a lingering illness, and the body was laid to rest this afternoon at 3:30 o'clock.

Mr. Allen and his family moved here from Rutherford county about fifteen years ago. He soon adopted himself to his surroundings and was one of our best citizens. Always charitable and during the time his health permitted was energetic in his work, never making enemies or losing friends.

The funeral was conducted from the residence of his son, A. B. Allen, this afternoon at 3:30 o'clock, by Rev. W. T. O'Kelley, pastor of the First Baptist church, which deceased was a member.

Mr. Allen is survived by a widow and eight children: Mrs. T. G. Lashley, of Jacksonville, Fla.; Mrs. J. T. Moore, of Savannah, Ga.; Mrs. C. C. Harrell, Norfolk, Va.; J. W. Allen, Smithfield, N. C.; A. B. and Clara Allen, of Raleigh.



Dr. Anna H. Shaw, the famous suffragette leader, she offered herself to the state legislators at Albany, N. Y., as a candidate for the New York senatorship. Dr. Shaw spoke in enthusiastic terms of the men who will permit women no participation in politics on the ground that it is burdensome to carry responsibilities as a heavy, and said last week when she was in Albany, where the fight to elect a senator is still on, she observed in the faces of the legislators and the countenance of the caucus candidate a worn expression which seemed to say to her was almost too much to carry. "If he wants to escape from it," she said, "I'm here." After the applause for the announcement of her candidacy she added: "I have borne the burden of disfranchisement for many years and it has been a heavy one. I am, I believe, a loser, by it financially, and I should like the salary of a United States senator for six years."

TRIAL OF MRS. MELBER.

Killed Her Boy—Insanity Will be the Plea of the Defense.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)

Albany, N. Y., March 6.—With women crowding the court room, the trial of Mrs. Edith Melber, accused of murdering her five-year-old son, George, by giving him carbolic acid, while he was pleading for a drink of water, was called before Judge Howard in the criminal court today.

The woman, after poisoning her boy, left his body in a bog on the outskirts of Albany. Her counsel has prepared a defense of "insanity," contending that, because of her rearing and hardships in after life she is not legally responsible for the death of her little son.

His state will try to prove that Mrs. Melber killed her child but she might be free to marry again, her first husband being dead. The state subpoenaed a number of witnesses to show that Mrs. Melber had posed as a childless widow to a young Schenectady draughtsman with whom she was in love. Other witnesses, among

HOUSE HAS VERY GOOD ATTENDANCE

Fails to Concur In Senate Amendment to Appropriation Bill

MANY BILLS PASSED

Eighty-eight Members of the House Answer to Roll Call—Only One New Bill Introduced in Regular Order—One or Two Came in Later

However—House Not Willing to Increase Soldiers' Home Appropriation From \$30,000 to \$40,000—Number of Bills Tabled or Decried.

Speaker Dowd convened the house at 9 o'clock, Rev. A. D. Wilcox, of Raleigh, offering prayer.

Petition Against Cussen.

Only one petition was presented, that by Mr. Taylor, of Brunswick, from citizens of that county for a law against profanity.

Introduction of Bills.

Dillard of Cherokee: Resolution of thanks to the postoffice department, to Postmaster Briggs and Deputy General Assembly Postmaster Brown, for the branch postoffice at the capitol, and for efficient and courteous service. Adopted and sent to the senate by special messenger.

A Large Attendance.

The roll call showed the presence of eighty-eight representatives.

Not a single bill was introduced.

The usual number of committees reported bills, most of them unfavorable.

Senate Amendment Not Concurred In.

The appropriation bill coming from the senate, a motion to not concur in senate amendments to the Soldiers' Home from \$30,000 to \$40,000 was not concurred in.

A committee of conference composed of Turlington, Doughton and McGill was appointed.

Chairman Turlington, of the appropriation committee, explained that the appropriations committee had given the full amount asked, \$30,000 and no more was needed and no claim that there was, was made before the appropriation committee.

The revenue bill coming over from the senate with amendments, they were not concurred in. Doughton, Majette and Horne being named as a conference committee.

Passed Final Reading.

To extend the corporate limits of Murphy. Concurrence in senate amendment.)

To amend the charter of Spencer. (Concurrence in senate amendment.)

To allow Wake county to pay and fund the debt of the board of (Continued on Page Six.)

ROW IN PRESIDENT'S OFFICIAL FAMILY

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)
Washington, March 6.—A large sized row developed in President Taft's official family at the white house today. Former Secretary Norton, who resigned to become vice president of the First National Bank of New York City, but who will remain as executive secretary until April 4, being succeeded on that date by Charles D. Hillis, now assistant secretary of the treasury, precipitated the fight by starting to re-organize the white house executive force with the intention, it is claimed by Hillis, of putting Norton men in the best positions. Hillis is understood to have put a strenuous kick to President Taft and the re-organization scheme was called off. Friends of Hillis who are in the confidence of President Taft did not scruple, it is reported, to tell the president that Norton should not be allowed to put his friends in the most important positions of the executive staff, because that would arouse the suspicion that there might be a grape vine connection later between these officials in the white house and Norton in the New York bank which is a Morgan Institution.

Most people have to die to get a good word said for them.

AUSTRIA ALARMED AT ADVANCE OF PLAGUE

(By Cable to The Times.)
Vienna, March 6.—Austro-Hungarian government, alarmed by the sweep of the bubonic plague westward toward the continental countries of Europe, today began establishing quarantine depots on the Russian frontier. Dr. Boehm, president of the Vienna board of health, and Dr. Albrecht have advised immediate action. This is the season of the year when the immigration of Russian agricultural laborers is heaviest upon the frontier. Reports from Odessa state that three additional incipient plague cases have been detected.

Rate Advance Cancelled.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)

Washington, March 6.—According to announcement by the interstate commerce commission today the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad has cancelled its entire schedule of advanced rates, in recognition of the recent decision of the commission and the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy a portion of its rates. Other western roads, whose names are not given have also filed notice of the same intention.

REBEL ARMY DRAWING NET ABOUT CHIHUAHUA

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)
El Paso, Tex., March 6.—With the Mexican rebel army slowly drawing a net about the city of Chihuahua, federal troops are today being rushed to succor the beleaguered city. Railroad communication has been practically cut off and private advices received here state that prohibitive prices are already being asked for foodstuffs.

However, Mexican authorities claim that the city has provisions sufficient to last two months and that, by that time, sufficient regular reinforcements will have arrived to beat back the insurgents.

Colonel Rabago is rushing southward with 500 federals and others are being sent north from Mexico City. General Madero is directing the operations about Chihuahua in person.

Cheese Manufacturer Dead.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)

Philadelphia, Pa., March 6.—John W. Betz, a wealthy cheese manufacturer, whose place of business was in Cuba, N. Y., but who resided in Philadelphia, was found dead in a bath tub in his apartments here today. He died of heart disease.

TRIAL OF MRS. HAYES BEGUN AT WHITEVILLE

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)
Whiteville, N. C., March 6.—Mrs. Nell Hayes was placed on trial here today charged with the murder of Robert M. Floyd, a young medical student at Mt. Tabor, N. C., on the afternoon of February 4. Her husband and a brother were also arraigned at the same time, charged with being accessories.

The defense is that when Floyd went to the Hayes home to treat Mrs. Hayes for measles, it is alleged he insulted her. All are members of prominent families.

BANDIT CAPTURED.

Held Officers at Bay Until His Ammunition Gave Out.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)

Elwood, Ind., March 6.—James Walker, one of the bandits who killed Police Chief of Police Ellis, of Alexandria, Ind., surrendered today to the posse which surrounded him in the Monticello school house in the hills near here. His surrender followed an all night struggle and he gave up only after his ammunition had been exhausted. Walker was taken to jail at Alexandria, where his companion, Rufus Warren, already was lodged.

Freight Train Derailed.

Newark, Del., March 6.—A freight train on the Baltimore & Ohio was derailed near here today. No one was hurt.