

BOWIE BILL WOULD CREATE ADDITIONAL FUND FOR HIGHWAYS

Bill Presented to Legislature Calls for \$35,000,000 More to Finish Road Program in the State.

GOVERNOR WANTS PARDON BOARD

Bill Creating Such Board in State Has Approval of the Governor—The Solons Are Ready for Work Now.

(By the Associated Press) Raleigh, Jan. 22.—The first piece of major legislation of the session was introduced in the House today when Representative T. C. Bowie, of Ashe, sent forward a measure providing for an additional bond issue of \$35,000,000 for highway construction.

The measure was in the form of an amendment to the highway act, and would provide the additional bond issue by direct action of the Legislature, and without a referendum on the matter. At today's session also the first of the legislative acts sponsored by Governor McLean was introduced, it being a bill by Representative Wombie, of Forsyth, which would provide for a pardon commission to relieve the governor of the sole responsibility in the granting of pardons.

WANTS PARDON BOARD

Raleigh, Jan. 22 (By the Associated Press)—The real business of the 1925 legislature began today with the introduction in both houses of a bill providing for a \$35,000,000 bond issue for road construction and the introduction in the house of the first measure sponsored by Governor McLean, providing for the creation of a pardon board to share responsibility with the governor in the pardoning power.

The road bill was introduced in the house by Representative T. C. Bowie, of Ashe, and in the Senate by Senator Heath, of Union. It provides for the additional issue of \$35,000,000 for roads by direct action of the legislature, and without a referendum on the subject. It further provides for an increase of the gasoline tax to four cents a gallon and the issuance by the governor and council of state if the bill is passed of short term notes to make the money immediately available until the bonds are sold.

MEANS SAYS JARNECKE GOT \$8,000 FROM PADOOR

Former Department of Justice Agent Said He Saw the Transfer of Money Made.

(By the Associated Press.) New York, Jan. 22.—Echoes of the Senate investigation, before which Gaston B. Means, former department of justice agent, was such a sensational witness, were heard in the Federal Court today when Means resumed the stand in his own defense against charges that he and Thomas B. Felder, attorney, had conspired to bribe government officials to defeat justice.

Means, under cross-examination, told of a transaction in September, 1922, whereby Elmer W. Jarnecke, his former associate and now the chief witness against him, had obtained \$8,000 from Isadore Padoor, of New York, in payment for liquor withdrawal permits made out to the Valdona Drug Company, Padoor's concern. "I told Jarnecke and Padoor," Means testified, "that I would be able to get some permits for the legal withdrawal of whiskey, and that if they could get some reputable persons who wanted the liquor for legal purposes I would get these permits for them."

Means said he saw Padoor pay over \$8,000 to Jarnecke, but added that he did not remember what Jarnecke had done with the money.

FATHER GRASPS SON IN WAYNE COURTROOM

Goldboro, Jan. 21.—Earl Loftin, a young man of the Fremont community, was sentenced to serve one year in the penitentiary after trial in Wayne Superior Court here following conviction on charge of theft of a bale of cotton and the forging of several checks. Loftin has a tendency to make a break for liberty whenever the opportunity presents itself. He was brought in each session of the court handcuffed and the elderly father grasped his son firmly by the arm each time and refused to let go until the deputy had handcuffed his prisoner.

Agricultural Commission About Ready to Report

(By the Associated Press) Washington, Jan. 22.—The President's agriculture commission expects to submit next week its recommendations for relief of agriculture. Sections of the report now are being drafted, but members declined to indicate the nature of their conclusions.

May Stop Auto Racing on Indianapolis Track

Indianapolis, Ind., Jan. 21.—A bill which would prohibit the holding of the annual 500-mile race at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway on Memorial day, was introduced in the Indiana house today. A similar bill was passed by the legislature two years ago but was vetoed by former governor Warren T. McCray.

Harry Lee Johnston, boys' work secretary of the Y. M. C. A., is confined to his home with an attack of mumps.

HEMPEL IS COMING

in her famous JENNY LIND CONCERT

For Peace

Miss Josephine Schain is secretary of the Conference of the Cause and Cure of War—a Washington meeting to which eight national women's societies will send delegates, January 18 to 24.

MILLIONS TO VIEW ECLIPSE

It is Claimed That Typhoid Cases in New York Have Been Caused by Them.

New York, Jan. 22.—With a navy dirigible prepared to make observations high above the clouds of the Connecticut coast, while an army airplane, carrying special photographic equipment, will race the shadow of totality across New York State, public interest in the United States and Canada as well as in many other parts of the world will be centered upon the total eclipse of the sun next Saturday morning.

The cameras of America's foremost astronomers will be focused as one upon this rare phenomenon of the sky which will spread the circular total eclipse shadow 100 miles in diameter scudding across the earth's surface from eastern Minnesota to the southern New England coast and on over the Atlantic to a point near the Shetland Islands, north of Scotland and west of Norway, where it will leave this planet.

While the observations of the natural scientists will be made within the area of totality, the diminishing effect of the partial eclipse will extend for many miles either side of the total eclipse track. Fifty miles north and south of the total shadow, 90 per cent. of the sun will appear covered.

The partial eclipse will rapidly decrease effect, because of the intensity of even a small part of the sun's rays, will spread for approximately 5,000 miles on each side of the shadow path, but it will be observed dark for only a relatively short distance. Fully 10,000,000 persons, it is estimated, will be able to view the sight from their doorsteps. Never before, natural scientists say, has the eclipse track passed over such a densely populated region.

Caused by the passage of the moon directly between the earth and the sun, the eclipse from beginning to end will occupy about two and a half hours. It will travel at a speed of approximately a mile a second with the result that an observer in any one place in the shadow belt can witness the total eclipse only about two minutes.

The first attempt of its kind to photograph and observe such a phenomenon will be undertaken by the navy department which will send the Los Angeles, the new dirigible which recently crossed the Atlantic, out over the ocean equipped with photographic telescopes, spectrometers and a motion picture camera.

The exact longitude and latitude where the Los Angeles will be during the two minutes of totality is south of Nantucket Island, and about 100 miles east of Montauk Point, L. I. The altitude which the dirigible will reach will be approximately 600 feet, which is expected to suffice to get above the fog and low-lying clouds.

The purpose of the novel experiment of the airplane race with the shadow of the moon across New York State is to permit the photographing of the sun's flashing corona for longer than the two-minute period.

Arrangements have been completed by more than a score of astronomical parties to take observations of the eclipse, expeditions being sent from the Mount Wilson Observatory, the University of Virginia, the United States Naval Observatory, the Yerkes Observatory, and many other observatories in New York and New England located near the path of totality. A number of western institutions will pipe the telescopes in northern Wisconsin and Michigan, while the chief center of activity for the Canadian astronomers will be in the vicinity of Hamilton, Ont.

I. of China, Said to Have Shortest Name in the World

Baltimore, Md., Jan. 18.—The shortest name in all the world is in the possession of a student in the Johns Hopkins Medical School, it was discovered here today. His name is Mr. I. Philologists declare that it must be the shortest name in existence as it is composed of but one letter and the letter which it displaces less ink than any other of the alphabet. Its home is in Hangchow, China. He is 24 years old. Through the spell his name I, he pronounces it as though it were E.

Mayor H. W. Moore in Critical Condition

Charlotte, Jan. 21.—The condition of Mayor Harvey Wilson Moore is not encouraging. Physicians and nurses are trying to guard against peritonitis. They say if he can pull through a day or two more his chances for recovery will be greatly improved.

Highlights of McLean's Message

Declares "an antiquated system is largely responsible for many aspects of the ever-increasing cost of government."

Recommends an executive budget commission and describes its functions. Declares "adequate steps must be taken to prevent any possible recurrence of a deficit in the future." Our budget must be balanced for each operating period.

Declares "education, and particularly the public schools, must not be neglected, whatever curtailment there must be. Favors continuation of highway construction until the entire system is complete, but leaves specific recommendations for a future message."

Favors continuation of caring for the state's afflicted "on as progressive a scale as revenues will permit."

Stresses particularly the conservation of the state's natural resources. Recommends creation of a standing judicial conference, to sit at regular intervals for the purpose of exchanging views and discussing the needs of the courts. This would be composed of the

members of the supreme and superior courts, attorney general and one member of the bar from each judicial district.

Expresses belief in "state-wide" system for state prisoners, whereby convicts are used in appropriate industries for the benefit of the state.

Recommends continuation of health activities; vigilant law enforcement; reform in judicial procedure; creation of the office of pardon commissioner; further protection of the public from the sale of fraudulent stocks; an advisory commission to study the development of ports and waterways, with a view to correcting alleged freight rate discriminations; converting the geological and economic survey into a body with enlarged powers, so that it can effectively advertise the state's natural resources; continued maintenance of fish hatcheries and further development of the fish and oyster industry; passage of a workmen's compensation act; broadening of the agricultural undertakings of the state, including the establishing of an experiment station in the sand hills.

OUTLOOK FOR BUILDING INDUSTRY EXCELLENT

According to Prospectus Issued by Employment Service.

Raleigh, N. C., Jan. 22 (By the Associated Press)—The outlook for the building industry in North Carolina for 1925 is considered excellent, according to a prospectus issued by the United States Employment Service and made public through Frank D. Grist, Commissioner of Labor and Printing in North Carolina. "There is every reason to believe that skilled tradesmen residing in this State will be provided with ample employment throughout the year."

The prospectus states that considerable building has been planned out for 1925 throughout the State, particularly in the large industrial centers. Resident skilled tradesmen were well-employed throughout the entire building season of 1924 and from the volume of work planned for 1925 this condition will continue.

In commenting on the situation throughout the State the prospectus says: "In Asheville the building program will probably reach the \$6,000,000 mark, an increase of \$2,000,000 over 1924. Major projects will include a new city hall, an auditorium, public library, several office buildings and many dwellings ranging in cost from \$10,000 to \$150,000. This work, together with construction that is now under way and which will be carried well into 1925 will afford steady employment to the local craftsmen, and it is probable that a shortage of skilled workers may be felt later in the year."

In Charlotte contracts have already been let and work started on municipal projects which will amount to something over \$1,500,000. Building for 1925 will include a new city hall and a number of school. Three new churches will be erected at a cost of \$150,000 each. These projects, together with what is believed is going to be the largest program of residence building in the history of the city will afford steady employment to the resident workers of this class, no shortage being anticipated at this time.

"From present indications the building program planned for the city of Durham will exceed that of 1924. There has been an enlargement of the corporate limits of the city of Durham, and this will mean an increase in home building as well as municipal construction. Trinity College will begin a \$6,000,000 construction program in 1925. Due to increased building activities it is thought that a shortage of skilled building craftsmen may occur during the peak of the season."

"A large amount of building is planned for Raleigh, and in Wilmington a considerable increase over the 1924 volume is indicated for 1925. Major projects at the latter point will include the erection and enlarging of manufacturing plants and much residential building."

Would Tag Both Ends of All Automobiles

Raleigh, Jan. 21.—Tags for both ends of automobiles licensed in North Carolina will be required if the bill given a favorable report today by the senate roads committee is passed. The committee met this afternoon and decided to recommend the passage of this bill. At present North Carolina cars carry license tags only on the rear end.

Notorious Black is Instantly Killed

Charlotte, Jan. 21.—Jehu Davis, notorious negro of Charlotte, was instantly killed today by Motorcyclist officer L. L. Blackmon, of the local police, as the negro was in the act of assaulting the officer with a pocket knife, according to the officers' statement. Only one shot was fired, the negro died instantly.

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ROTARY CLUB MEETS

Rev. Tom Lawrence Receives an Enthusiastic Greeting—Thrift Subject of the Week Program.

The regular meeting of the Concord Rotary Club was held yesterday at 12:30 at the Y. M. C. A. President Gus Hartwell presiding. Rotarian W. G. Casswell was in charge of the program and thrift was the subject.

Rev. Tom Lawrence, of Maryland, who is visiting friends in the city, and who was a charter member of the local club, was the guest of Rotarian Maury Richmond, and received an ovation when he arose to make a short talk to the club. The principal speaker on the program was Rev. J. C. Rowan, who made an interesting talk on thrift.

Attention also was called to the coming recital by Frieda Hempel. The Rotarians are taking a special interest in the recital as the first negotiations looking to securing the artist to visit Concord was a telegram from her manager to the Rotary Club asking for a date here.

The semi-annual report of the club, which recently was filed at international headquarters in Chicago, shows that the Concord club has thirty-six active and two honorary members.

POSTAL INCREASE PAY BILL BEFORE SENATE

Washington, Jan. 22.—The postal pay and rate increase bill was before the Senate for consideration today under an agreement reached last week giving it privileged standing.

As reported from the Post Office committee by Senator Moses, republican of New Hampshire, the measure provides for the same increases in salaries of postal employees as carried in the measure which received a veto by President Coolidge that was sustained in the Senate. In addition it calls for general increases in rates.

JURY IN WEHAWKIN CASE FAILS TO AGREE

Jury Discharged by Judge After Deliberating Since 3 O'clock Yesterday Afternoon.

(By the Associated Press) Jersey City, Jan. 22.—The jury in the trial of twelve Wehawken and Jersey City police officials and civilians reported this morning that it was unable to agree on a verdict. The judge discharged the jury.

The twelve men were charged with conspiring to violate the state prohibition laws. The jury had been out since 3:07 o'clock yesterday afternoon.

Morton S. Hawkins in Jail Again

(By the Associated Press) Dayton, O., Jan. 22.—Morton S. Hawkins is in Montgomery county, Ohio, jail again. The reputed mastermind of a \$10,000,000 stock swindle in Portland, Indiana, was committed to the jail in lieu of \$20,000 bond Thursday by order of United States Commissioner Andrew Siddings.

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COSTA RICA LEAVES LEAGUE OF NATIONS AFTER PAYING DUES

Files Resignation With the League Officials But Does Not Give Any Reason for the Action.

CRITICISED SOME ABOUT ITS DUES

Officials Hope Country Will Change Attitude and Retain Its Membership in the League.

Geneva, Jan. 22 (By the Associated Press)—Costa Rica filed her resignation from the League of Nations today, transmitting with her message a check for back dues.

No reason was given for the withdrawal, but a League official said it was assumed the resignation was due to criticism of the country for failure to pay her assessments, voiced during the sessions of the budget committee at the last assembly.

Costa Rica fixed January 1 as the date of resignation, but as the covenant requires two years notice of withdrawal, she would not cease to be a member until 1927. Officials of the League said, however, that they hope in the meanwhile to induce her to rescind her decision and re-assume membership.

The letter containing the resignation enclosed a payment of \$18,677 in payment of back dues for the years 1921 to 1924 inclusive. Costa Rica's annual assessment was about \$5,000, her dues like those of some of the other Central American states being reduced considerably some time ago.

During the budget hearing the failure of Costa Rica and some other countries to meet their financial obligations to the league were unfavorably commented upon. The reductions of assessments were based on the system used by the Universal Postal Union, and the league authorities found these excessive for certain of the smaller countries.

This is the first case of a resignation from the league, and officials said it was an entirely separate one, there being no indications that it would be followed by other Latin American countries.

COTTON SPINNING SHOWS INCREASE IN DECEMBER

Active Spindle Hours Last Month Totalled 7,815,590,215, or Average of 206 per Spindle.

(By the Associated Press) Washington, Jan. 22.—Cotton spinning activity showed continued improvement during December, the census bureau's monthly report today indicated. The active spindle hours in December totalled 7,815,590,215, or an average of 206 per spindle in place; compared with 7,123,950,034 or an average of 188 in November last and 37,635,709 and 34,044,780 for December a year ago.

The average number of spindles operated during December was 34,241,240, or at 90.4 per cent. capacity on a single shift basis, compared with 33,117,749, or at 87.5 per cent. during November, last year, and 32,674,471, or at 86.8 per cent. during December a year ago.

THE COTTON MARKET

Opened Steady at Unchanged Prices to Decline of 4 Points—May Around 24.01.

(By the Associated Press) New York, Jan. 22.—The cotton market opened steady today at unchanged prices to a decline of 4 points. There was a little selling on relatively easy cables and reiterated reports of disappointing trade conditions in Manchester, but comparatively small offerings were absorbed and the market was quiet but steady at the end of the first hour.

Opening prices were: January 23.44; March 23.70; May 24.03; July 24.25; October 23.90.

With Our Advertisers

Just arrived at Carl Wadsworth Co.'s two car loads of mules. For sale or trade.

Dining room furniture at the Bell & Harris Furniture Co. All the designs are presented in the various woods and finishes.

Big shipment of Siamese No. 214 Bay State Siamese cross-cut saws, only \$4.00 with handles, at York-Wadsworth Co.'s. Theft north and south end and west at C. H. Barrier & Co.'s. Read the ad today and see it isn't so.

A checking account with the Citizens Bank and Trust Company will enable you to simply personal accounting and to practice thrift more conveniently.

If you want to buy any real estate in the city or county, see John K. Patterson & Company.

It is easy to stay within your budget if you trade at the new Edifor Store.

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Mrs. Kellogg



This is Mrs. Frank B. Kellogg, wife of the newly appointed secretary of state. Washington society eagerly anticipating her return to the capital.

HAYNES AND BLAIR ARE NAMED BY WITNESS

Witness Said He Was Told Officials Were "Fixed" So Shrimers Could Get Liquor.

(By the Associated Press) Norfolk, Va., Jan. 22.—S. Warner Ironmonger, former deputy U. S. Marshal and now chief of police of Norfolk, testifying today at the trial in the U. S. district court of Rex D. Shelton and Wm. Baker, declared Baker told him soon after his arrest that Federal Prohibition Commissioner Haynes and Commissioner of Internal Revenue Blair were "fixed" to permit the smuggling into Washington of thousands of cases of whiskey for the Shrimers Convention in 1923.

A. L. Ashburn, federal prohibition agent, testified, the defendants told him that Col. Blair and Major Haynes and a lot of Department of Justice men had been fixed to get the liquor into Washington.

HAYNES HAS NOTHING TO SAY

Washington, Jan. 22.—Prohibition Commissioner Haynes' only comment today on testimony in Norfolk liquor cases referring to him was that he would not "dignify such a story by a denial."

BAILEY TRIAL STARTED IN GREENSBORO COURT

Forty-Eight Defendants Named for Alleged Violation of Federal Law.

(By the Associated Press) Greensboro, Jan. 22.—One hundred and sixty witnesses for the government, a large number for the forty-eight defendants, more than a score of attorneys, court officials and attaches, and the usual representation of newspaper men make a crowded courtroom a certainty throughout the Bailey trial which gets underway before Judge E. Yates Webb in Federal court here Monday morning. This indicates, according to Clerk R. L. Blaylock a capacity crowd at all times since the courtroom will hold but a few over the 300 mark.

The Bailey trial is expected to consume a greater part of three weeks. The forty-eight defendants (originally there were forty-nine, but one, Julie Young, has since died) are charged with wrongful use of the United States mails as a result of the sale of the stock in the Bailey Company, Winston-Salem tobacco manufacturing concern, which failed. Eight of the defendants are officials of the company and heads of the stock sales organization.

The former chief executive said he had not had time to study the report fully and until such time as he can analyze the figures he will not discuss the situation. He pointed out that probably he will not have any statement to make regarding the report at any time.

DEMAND FOR SPACE EXCEEDS THE SUPPLY

Happens For the First Time in Connection With Charlotte Auto Show.

Charlotte, Jan. 21.—That the demand for exhibit space at the fifth Carolinas Auto Show is greater than the supply for the first time in the history of these annual events at Charlotte was disclosed in an announcement today by show officials.

It was explained that several manufacturers, not represented in this section by distributors, probably will not be able to obtain as large space as desired, owing to the necessity for apportionment. Show officials, however, will make whatever special efforts may be needed in order to provide for exhibitors. One of these belated requests was that from Durant Motors Company which is asking for five exhibit spaces.

Department Appropriation Bill Reported

(By the Associated Press) Washington, Jan. 22.—The department appropriation bill carrying \$332,352,671, or \$172,921 more than approved by the House, was reported to the Senate today from its appropriations committee.

Among the increases ordered by the committee was one for \$25,000 to be used by the chemical warfare service in experiments to exterminate the cotton boll weevil.

SEE—

"THE GORILLA"

The Great Mystery Drama High School Auditorium

Friday Night at 7:30

Benefit Bible Story Contest

SPECTACULAR BLAZE

State Library CAPITAL CAUSES BIG DAMAGE

130 Autos, 11 Horses and Considerable Auto Equipment Were Destroyed in Early Morning Fire.

PRIVATE AUTOS BURNED IN FIRE

Building Destroyed Was a Storage Station—Loss Estimated at \$250,000 With Some Insurance.

(By the Associated Press) Raleigh, Jan. 22.—One hundred and thirty automobiles, eleven horses and considerable valuable automobile equipment was destroyed by fire here early today when the Raleigh Transfer Company's building was completely destroyed and the Raleigh Corncor & Roofing Company's plant, adjacent, badly damaged. The second floor of the Transfer Company's building was occupied by Motor Service Branch No. 2, where most of the automobiles were stored.

Early today Perrin Gower, manager of the Motor Service Company and W. F. Smith, of the transfer company, estimated that the total loss would run between \$225,000 and \$250,000 partially covered by insurance.

The fire is said to have originated shortly after 4:30 o'clock in the Motor Service Company, but the cause of the blaze is as yet undetermined.

The fire which was practically out this morning after the entire building and its contents had been consumed, was the most spectacular in Raleigh in many years. The explosions of the gasoline tanks of the many automobiles resulted the work of control more difficult and the proximity of two gasoline filling stations constantly endangered the fire fighters.

The automobiles in the building were for the most part the property of individuals who had stored them there for the night. An accurate list of owners was unavailable today. About 175 cars were in the place when the fire began, but 40 of them were removed from the building before the flames got to them.

Many of the cars belonged to members of the legislature. Lieut. Gov. Long lost a new touring car.

MORRISON WILL NOT COMMENT ON DEFICIT

"Just Let Them Go Ahead and Have As Big a Deficit As They Want and Enjoy It."

Charlotte, Jan. 21.—"I don't think I'll have anything to say. Just let them go on and have as big a deficit as they want and enjoy it," former Governor Cameron Morrison said here tonight when questioned regarding the "cash deficit" of more than \$6,000,000 in state finances shown in Auditor Baxter Durham's report made public in Raleigh this morning.

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Underwood Bill Not Yet to Conference

(By the Associated Press) Washington, Jan. 22.—An attempt by Chairman McCreary of the House military committee to obtain unanimous consent of the House to send the Underwood Muscle Shoals bill direct to conference between the Senate and House was blocked today by objection by Representative LaGuardia, republican, of New York.

Chairman Snell of the House rules committee, informed the House that if unanimous consent could be obtained, the rules committee would consider reporting a rule ordering the bill to conference.

Nine Injured in Train Wreck