

GOVERNOR McLEAN AGAIN ADDRESSES SOLONS OF STATE

Would Give State Treasurer More Power So He Can Keep Up With All Finances of the State.

SOLONS SURPRISED AT HIS MESSAGE

Did Not Know Until Governor Began to Talk What He Was Going to Suggest to Them.

State, Feb. 27 (By the Associated Press).—Consolidation into one department of all revenue collecting functions of the Department of State, revenue and insurance, transfer of all banking activities of the state to the State Treasurer, so that he handles all revenue from day to day, and the appointment of a commission to supervise and fix salaries of all employees of state government on a scale commensurate with the work done were the three recommendations made by Governor McLean in a message which he read to the General Assembly today at noon.

The Governor's address came unexpectedly and it was not until he actually began the speech that the legislators had any idea what he wished to discuss.

The Governor declared that the collection of all taxes, if placed under the jurisdiction of one department would be done at smaller cost to the state, as overlapping of tax collecting functions would be done away with. He recommended that all tax collecting be vested in the Department of Revenue.

Taking up the subject of state banking he stated that at various departments were handling their deposits as separate units and very often maintained large balances apart from the account of the State Treasurer. He declared that if the Treasurer were authorized to obtain daily all money collected by the state, that a portion of the short term financing of the State would be unnecessary as funds now scattered would be concentrated.

Declaring that recently published statements had given the public an insight into salaries and expenditures in the state government, and it was a fact that the "cost of conducting public business exceeds the cost of conducting private business" and "must not continue," the Governor urged the creation of a commission to go over the work done by every employee, fix a standard salary scale, which when adopted and approved by the Governor, should be strictly adhered to by all departments.

The Governor declared that he would lay before the General Assembly bills designated to make laws of his recommendations.

REAR ADMIRAL SIMS OPPOSES MITCHELL PLAN

Does Not Want Unified Air Service, He Tells House Aircraft Committee.

Washington, Feb. 27.—Rear Admiral William S. Sims, retired, today vigorously opposed before the House Aircraft committee the creation of a unified air service as urged by Brigadier General Mitchell, army air chief.

The admiral endorsed the building up of a powerful air force by the United States, however, and declared the airplane "will play a predominant part" in the next war.

Kendall Was Well Known in Newspaper Circles.

Greensboro, Feb. 26.—C. S. Kendall, well known in newspaper circles, died Wednesday night in a hotel in Ingham, City, Mich., according to messages received here today.

Clarence Bailey Hanged.

Montgomery, Ala., Feb. 27.—Clarence Bailey was hanged in the Montgomery county jail this morning for the murder at Kilby prison in November, 1923, of James Culppeper, a fellow prisoner.

Say Kurdish Forces Are Repulsed.

Young Cueist



Introducing Arthur Cranfield Jr., 6-year-old Syracuse, N. Y., lad who some day hopes to be as great a billiard player as Willie Hoppe. Critter, who have seen him perform, predict a promising future for him. He has a high cup of 22 and can chalk up 15 points consistently. His father is a quite an expert player.

OFTEN BAD WEATHER INAUGURATION DAY

Hope Weather Will Be Favorable March 4th But Not At All Certain It Will.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 27.—Every body is hopeful that the Weather Man will be kind to the national capital next Wednesday, when the great quadrennial show of the President's inauguration takes place. But with the old stagers whose memories run far back into the past the feeling of hope is not tinged with any great degree of confidence. For Washington inaugural weather has a century-old reputation for ineffectuality, with few notable exceptions, when the skies were clear and the sun smiled down benignly.

Down from the northwest swooped storms and intense cold on March 4 not only spoiled for many the pleasures of the inaugural exercises, but through exposure caused serious illness and death for scores—a notable instance being the Taft induction in 1900—that repeated efforts have been made to have the date of the celebration changed.

March 4, 1900, is taken as the high-water mark of inaugural weather severity. So frequently and so seriously have blizzards such as the capital has rarely seen. Rain during the early hours of the night changed to snow, which descended in wet, blinding clouds, blanketing everything in its clammy folds. Telegraph and telephone lines were wrecked, electric light wires tumbled after them, street car service was demoralized for hours, and as for the scores of special trains bound for Washington, many of them never reached the city at all.

The train bearing the 7th Regiment of the National Guard of New York, for instance, was stalled somewhere between Washington and Baltimore, and the regiment got into the city the morning of March 5, and paraded past the White House shortly before noon the day following inauguration day.

The weather conditions that attended the inauguration of President William Henry Harrison have become historic, because of their consequences. On the day that the hero of Tippecanoe was inducted into office the weather was cold and dreary. However there was a multitude gathered in Washington and a great parade was held, the President-elect displaying a beautiful carriage given him by the City of Baltimore and making a fine picture on a white charger.

Although an old man and despite the raw wind, General Harrison refused to wear an overcoat, and furthermore went prancing down the avenue hat in hand most of the time, so continuous were the plaudits of the populace. As a result of the exposure to the elements the aged President caught a severe cold and only one month after his inauguration he passed away in the executive mansion.

President Harrison was succeeded by John Tyler, who in turn was followed by James K. Polk. President Polk's luck was poor and he "drew" bad weather. It rained in torrents during the rather imposing inaugural parade, which was featured by the Empire Club of New York dragging along a brass cannon which new and then was discharged.

On the second inauguration of President Monroe the weather was vile—snowy and rainy. Franklin Pierce was another who ran into raw, dismal weather on the day of his induction into the presidency.

On President Garfield's first day in office the weather was damp and chill, as it has been on many other inauguration days, even though there were no severe storms.

President Wilson was rather fortunate in the matter of weather on the occasion of both of his inaugurations. On his first induction the day was mild and at times the sun shone with warmth that was not comfortable for the marchers under overcoats. On the beginning of his second term the weather conditions likewise were favorable for an outdoor display. The day of President Harding's inauguration also was fair.

TRUSTEES OF M. P. C. I. DECIDE TO BUILD NEW DORMITORY NOW

Board Held Meeting in This City Today and Decided to Go Ahead With Work on New Building at Once.

MORE ROOMS ARE NEEDED AT SCHOOL

Present Capacity Has Been Crowded For Past Several Years—Building Under Advise for Long Time.

At a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees of Mt. Pleasant Collegiate Institute held this morning at the court house, it was ordered that a new dormitory be erected at the Collegiate Institute to take care of the overflow of students which the Institute has had in recent years.

This action of the Executive Committee comes as a result of the campaign conducted last winter to raise money, sufficient to supply the needs of the Institute. The housing arrangements, even with the addition of several dwellings near the campus, has been totally inadequate and numbers of students have been forced to room in the town of Mt. Pleasant. This situation was one which was tolerated but not approved by the faculty.

In a school of the type Mt. Pleasant is that is a military school, strict supervision is regarded as necessary. For this reason, new dormitories were desired.

The new building is to be of brick, three stories in height and is to be "modern in every respect," say the members of the committee. Its location is to be to the north of the present administration building, practically the same distance, it is said, from this building as the president's house is now to the south. It is to fit into the building scheme as consummated to date and into a larger scheme to be carried out later.

The contract for this new building will be let at an early date and active building operations will be begun immediately thereafter. It was not disclosed what the cost of the new structure was to be.

The executive committee which met at the court house consisted of the following: Dr. J. L. Morgan, Salisbury; Rev. N. D. Body, Thomasville; Rev. G. H. Lingle, Mooresville; J. F. Crigger, Charlotte; J. W. Sutton, Charlotte; G. P. McAllister, Mt. Pleasant; H. B. Wilkinson, Concord; J. B. Robertson, Concord, and L. H. Asbury, Charlotte.

SURCHARGE QUESTION STILL BEFORE HOUSE

Body May Take Action on Bill Repealing Charges Before Adjourning Tonight.

Washington, Feb. 27.—The house faces a vote before adjournment tonight on the question of repealing the present 50 per cent. Pullman surcharge.

A show down on the proposition was averted by presentation of the conference report on the independent officers appropriation bill carrying a senate rider providing for elimination of the surcharge.

The debate will be limited by agreement so as to make certain a vote to-day.

JAPANESE DIET GETS LAND OWNERSHIP BILL

Bill Forbids Titles of Land to Persons Whose Countries Exclude Japanese From Ownership.

Tokio, Feb. 27.—The government has submitted to the Diet the long contemplated land ownership bill.

The measure is reciprocal in principle, forbidding titles to nationals, the land law of whose countries exclude Japanese from ownership.

Serving 35 Years for Bootlegging



A nation-wide movement has been started to ask President Coolidge to parole Edna Boyd, mountain girl of West Virginia, who is confined in the Stark county (Va.) workhouse, on a charge of bootlegging. Edna is serving the longest sentence ever known for bootlegging—seven years and a fine of \$6000, which if worked at a rate of 60 cents a day would keep her in prison 35 years.

PRINCE SENDS CHECK TO THE PRESSMEN'S UNION

Check for \$7 Keeps Prince of Wales in Union for Next Two Months.

New York, Feb. 27.—The New York papers' pressmen's union was spared the painful necessity of suspending its star member, the Prince of Wales, when a check for \$7, representing two months' dues, was received from him today.

The rules of the union provide for the suspension of any member who fails to pay his dues every two months. On Saturday this period of grace for the Prince would have expired, and had he not paid he would have been barred from playing the trade in any union press room here.

When the Prince of Wales was made a member of the union last summer, he paid up to January 1, 1925.

ALL CLASSES REPRESENTED AT MCCORMICK FUNERAL

Simple Services Held For Senator Who Died in National Capital Wednesday.

Chicago, Ill., Feb. 27.—All stations of civil and political life in the nation, state and city were represented at the simple funeral services today for Senator Medill McCormick.

In accordance with his oft-expressed wish, the service at the Fourth Presbyterian Church included only prayers, scriptural reading and singing by the choir, with no funeral oration or sermon.

The body will be entombed in Grace-land Cemetery here until final burial at Byron.

Good Positions Given U. N. C. Engineering Students

Chapel Hill, Feb. 27.—Forty per cent of the members of the senior class of the School of Engineering of the University of North Carolina have been given positions by the General Electric Company as the result of a visit here by M. M. Boring of the Educational Department of the company.

Mr. Boring was on a trip of inspection, selecting graduates from the various engineering schools of the country, coming here from New York via the Pacific Coast Gulf states and Georgia.

He told Prof. John E. Dear here that the University crop of engineering seniors were the "brightest," best and most interesting he had met on his entire trip.

MRS. WATSON IS GIVEN SENTENCE

(By the Associated Press.) Charlotte, Feb. 27.—Mrs. I. Watson, wife of the G. State Library man who yesterday was sentenced to second degree murder in connection with the shooting of Joseph E. McDonough here several weeks ago, today was sentenced to serve not less than one year in the industrial home of Mecklenburg county following conviction on charges of improper conduct.

WATSON WILL BE TRIED FOR CARRYING PISTOL

Freed of Murder Charge But Must Now Stand Trial on Pistol Carrying Charge.

(By the Associated Press.) Charlotte, Feb. 27.—Although acquitted on a charge of second degree murder in connection with the shooting of Joseph E. McDonough, of Greensboro, in a local hotel several weeks ago, Thomas I. Watson had another indictment, that of carrying a concealed weapon, face to-day in Superior Court.

Watson, who also is from Greensboro, shot McDonough when he discovered the latter with Mrs. Watson. His trial began Wednesday and was given to the jury late yesterday afternoon. Forty minutes later the verdict of acquittal was brought in causing a demonstration in the court room.

Mrs. Watson rushed to her husband, threw her arms around his neck and sobbed on his shoulder for several minutes. Following this scene reports were circulated to the effect that the couple soon would be reconciled. These were not confirmed by the principals.

The woman was to appear in police court today to answer charges of improper conduct, brought against her by her husband on the night of the shooting.

When Watson appeared in city court to answer charges of carrying concealed weapons he entered a plea of guilty. He was fined \$100 and costs.

After a short test Watson will return to his position as a traveling salesman, he said. All reports of a reconciliation with his wife were denied by him.

BELIEVE OSBORNE WOOD RETURNING TO THE U. S.

Former Army Officer, Broke After Huge Winnings, Reported Coming to Accept Job.

San Sebastian, Spain, Feb. 26.—Osborne C. Wood, former American army officer and son of Governor General Wood of the Philippines, who came to San Sebastian after leaving Biarritz, France, early this week left San Sebastian two days ago intending to go to Madrid and Barcelona, it was understood. It is believed here that he intends to sail from Barcelona for the United States. It is reported that while here he received a cablegram offering him a post with a cattle breeding establishment with headquarters in Buffalo.

When the former army officer quit San Sebastian he left a letter for a friend saying he intended to meet all his obligations.

FEAR 84 MEN PERISHED DURING TERRIFIC GALES

Men Were at Work on Icelandic Fishing Grounds When Gales Arose.

Hull, England, Feb. 27 (By the Associated Press).—Eighty-four men are believed to have been swept in the fierce gales which have swept the Icelandic fishing grounds during the last four days. Fourteen men went down with the Hull steamer trawler, Scapa Flow, six Hull fishermen and twenty-four Icelanders were lost in the fishery steamer, Field Marshal Robinson, and news has reached here that the Icelandic steamer Leifer Hejar is lost with forty hands, all Icelanders.

University May Get a Faculty Club

Chapel Hill, Feb. 27.—Russell Inn, formerly a dormitory for University co-eds, which recently was virtually destroyed by fire, will be rebuilt and used as a faculty club, if plans sponsored by a group of professors are endorsed by the majority of the faculty and trustees' building committee.

The proposal is that the second and third stories of the house be used for rooms which would be rented to bachelors members of the faculty. The first floor would contain a large lounge, a reading room, a writing room, a room for games and a buffet kitchen. Membership dues would not be more than \$20 annually and a large membership would materially reduce this.

MRS. CECIL MOTHER SON BORN EARLY TODAY AT BILTMORE

Former Cornelia Vanderbilt and Son, Who Weighs Eight and Half Pounds, Both Are Doing Well.

BILTMORE ESTATE HAS CELEBRATION

English Feudal Custom Followed and Toy Stork and Dog Are Presented at the Biltmore House.

(By the Associated Press.) Asheville, Feb. 27.—A son was born to Mrs. John F. A. Cecil, formerly Cornelia Vanderbilt, at Biltmore House here early today.

The child weighed 8 1/2 pounds. Physicians reported the mother and boy doing well.

Mrs. Edith Vanderbilt, widow of the late Geo. W. Vanderbilt, is with her daughter, Mr. Cecil, who was first secretary of the British embassy at Washington at the time of his marriage last April, also is at the home.

The name given the child is George Henry Vanderbilt Cecil. The first name is from Mrs. Cecil's father, late George Vanderbilt. Henry was selected for the second name because of Mr. Cecil's brother, Henry Cecil, and also in compliment to Henry Anderson of New York, counselor for the Vanderbilt estate. Mr. Anderson was at Biltmore House for the natal event.

The birth announcement was the signal for a demonstration on the Biltmore estate in keeping with English feudal custom. Children on the estate gathered before Biltmore House, gave lusty cheers and presented a large toy stork and a large toy dog.

Widespread interest exists over the event, since Mrs. Cecil is the only child on the George Vanderbilt side of the famous Vanderbilt family.

The wedding of the Cecils here last April was an event of importance following a romance in Washington. The wedding at All Souls Church, was attended by members of the diplomatic corps, and others representing a score or more of foreign nations. The couple took a honeymoon trip to England and the continent, and since have resided at their estate here. Mr. Cecil now is engaged in the management of his wife's property.

Mrs. Cecil came into an inheritance of Biltmore House, and valuable property when she was 21, and when she attained her 25th birthday next August will receive the balance of an estate estimated to be worth about \$15,000,000. She is the only heir of her mother who also has an estate worth \$6,000,000 or \$7,000,000, it is reported.

Page Attacks New Highway Proposal

Raleigh, Feb. 26.—Over vehement protests from Frank Page, state highway commissioner, that the passage of the bill would mean "the death knell" of the highway program, the senate committee on roads voted 16 to 14 to favorably report a bill leaving matters of construction and maintenance in each of the nine districts to a board of three commissioners instead of one commissioner as at present.

"I have not assurance of my re-appointment," said Mr. Page, "and if this bill passes I tell you frankly, gentlemen, I don't care whether I am re-appointed or not, because never in my life have I voluntarily been connected with a failure."

Senator Clark, of Bladen, Johnson, of Robeson, and Ross spoke in favor of the bill. Senator Clark, the introducer, explaining it to the committee. Senators Burgwyn, Shuford, and Grant spoke in opposition to it. Senator Humphrey stated that he was opposed to the bill but that he had promised Senator Ross to vote for it and he would not break his promise. Mr. Page was asked to speak on motion of Senator Shuford.

With Our Advertisers

A good tire—The Hood Cord. Sold by Ritchie Hardware Co. Ask those who use them. Quality meats at low prices, at the Cabarrus Cash Grocery Co. New Spring Suits for men and boys at the Parks-Bell Co. Read new ad today for prices and particulars. Read the Bulletin of Piggy Wiggy for prices of things to eat.

Will Brown Escapes Electric Chair

(By the Associated Press.) Raleigh, Feb. 27.—Will Brown, alias Earl Stee, negro, of Forsyth county, will not die in the electric chair this morning. Governor McLean commuted the man's sentence last night to life imprisonment. Brown had been in death row for ten months, having been convicted of an attack upon a woman of his own race.

Basketball Tonight Winston vs Concord Y High School Gym 8:00 O'clock Admission: 25c and 35c

Movies Tonight Y Gym 7:15 Picture Stories of American Wonderland You Can't Miss This! Admission 10c, 5c, 25c

WHAT SMITTS'S CAT SAYS Cloudy tonight and Saturday, probably becoming unsettled; continued cold.