

STATE LEGISLATURE DOES LITTLE TODAY WITH MEMBERS GONE

Sessions of Both the Senate and the House Were Perfunctory.—Members Leave the Capital.

CHAIRMEN BUSY WITH THEIR WORK

Week-End is No Holiday for the Men Who Have Been Named to head Important Committees.

Raleigh, Jan. 8.—(AP)—Sessions of both the senate and house of the 1927 General Assembly were today perfunctory.

The majority of the members of the house were excused until Monday night when the body convenes again after today's brief session.

Representatives Turlington, of Iredell; Connor, of Wilson; and Graham, of Orange, the "big three" of the House committee chairmen, busied themselves meanwhile with initial duties of appropriations, education and finance over the week-end period.

Members did not take the appointment of Mr. Turlington as chairman of his old committee on appropriations to mean he had given up his expressed conviction that some sort of action should be taken with regard to the theories of evolution which he feels "should be regulated so far as the schools are concerned."

Other committee announcements will be made Tuesday, Speaker Fountain said. Capital rumors have it that O. B. Moss, of Nash, and Fred Sutton, of Lenoir, are in line for judiciary committee chairmanships.

THE COTTON MARKET

Opened Steady at an Advance of 2 to 6 Points.—March up to 12.95.

March sold up to 12.95 and July to 13.33, but there seemed to be increased offerings at these prices, with the South a moderate seller here.

Private cables reported covering and calling in the Liverpool market, and said there was an extensive inquiry for cotton clothes from India, although many offers were unworkable.

Cotton futures opened steady: January 12.80; March 12.94; May 13.13; July 13.33; October 13.49.

Closed Steady.—New York, Jan. 8.—Cotton futures closed steady 2 to 4 points higher: Jan. 12.81; March 12.94; May 13.13; July 13.32; Oct. 13.50.

The Seaboard Extension to Miami.—(By International News Service) Palm Beach, Fla., Jan. 8.—Today, January 8th, will see the inauguration of the first passenger train over the Seaboard All-Florida extension from West Palm Beach to Miami, according to F. E. Hoffman, district passenger agent.

Mrs. J. S. Walker is spending some time in Safford with relatives.

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Wet Battle On in Congress



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FRED A. BRITTEN



MORRIS SHEPPARD

Representative Loring M. Black, Jr., of New York, demanded punishment of Federal officials responsible for poisoning alcohol, and Representatives Emanuel Celler, of New York, and Fred A. Britten, of Illinois, proposed laws to prohibit the use of fatal adulterants.

THIS IS NO TIME FOR EXTRAVAGANCE

"A Safe and Sound Program" For the Legislators Is the Slogan.

The Tribune Bureau Sir Walter Hotel Raleigh, Jan. 8.—After the first caucus day of organization and listening to two lengthy messages from the governor within three days, there was a general let-down in legislative circles today, despite the fact that brief sessions of both House and Senate were held this morning, only to adjourn to reconvene Monday night.

The note of continued economy in government sounded by Governor McLean in his budget message yesterday awakened a note of approval on the part of the majority of the members of both House and Senate, for as a number of the legislators have already said on the floor of the general assembly, "with 12-cent cotton, this is no time for extravagance."

While the recommendation that the requests for permanent improvements for State departments and institutions be scaled down from \$13,000,000 to \$5,500,000, there was surprise in some quarters that the appropriations for maintenance had been left as large as they are and not cut down.

The requested appropriations for maintenance for 1927-28 amounted to about \$16,000,000, which was reduced to \$14,686,105 and to \$15,124,059 for 1928-29.

Those who feared that the University and other institutions might suffer from insufficient appropriations feel that while the amount recommended is not as great as the amount asked for, still that it will enable virtually all of them to continue operation on an enlarged scale.

The permanent improvements recommended are the following: University, \$1,220,000; State College, \$580,000; N. C. College for Women, \$820,000; Eastern Carolina Teachers College, \$280,000; A. and T. College, \$40,000; Chowhoke, \$250,000; Appalachian, \$100,000; Winston-Salem Normal (negro), \$55,000; Elizabeth City Normal (negro), \$10,000; Fayetteville Normal (negro), \$20,000; N. C. College for Negroes, \$200,000.

The maintenance appropriations requested and recommended by the budget commission for the larger of these institutions are as follows: University, 1926-27, \$780,000; 1927-28, \$1,550,558 requested, \$850,000 recommended; 1928-29, \$880,000.

State College, 1926-27, \$400,000; 1927-28, \$504,670 requested; \$425,000 recommended; 1928-29 \$440,000 recommended.

Extension (State College), 1926-27, \$175,000; 1927-28, \$175,000 requested; \$175,000 recommended; 1928-29, \$175,000 recommended.

North Carolina College for Women, 1926-27, \$410,000; 1927-28 \$535,000 requested; \$440,000 recommended; 1928-29 \$440,000 recommended.

E. C. T. C., 1926-27, \$157,100; 1927-28, \$230,000 requested, \$165,000 recommended; 1928-29 \$200,000 recommended.

Thus from the above figures it will be seen that the appropriations for maintenance have been scaled down but very little in the majority of cases.

The pronouncement by the governor that it would not be necessary to increase taxes materially and that only minor adjustments in the privilege and

GOULD INQUIRY IS BROUGHT UP AGAIN IN UPPER CHAMBER

The Senate Elections Sub-Committee Handling the Inquiry Has Been Called to Meet Again.

BRIBERY CHARGE IS BEING AIRED

Matter Comes Up in Senate Again Following the Debates Which Really Started the Inquiry.

Washington, Jan. 8.—(AP)—The senate elections sub-committee investigating bribery charges against Senator Gould, republican, of Maine, was called to meet again today after having heard a lengthy defense plea from the senator himself in which he charged two Canadian promoters holding office fifteen years ago with being politically corrupt.

Taking the stand on the issue which figured in his race for the Senate and that trailed him to Washington where it was thrust before him as he appeared to take oath, the new Maine senator told the committee yesterday that his New York associates without his consent paid the much discussed \$100,000 to the campaign fund of the conservative party of New Brunswick, Canada, while he was engaged in building a railroad in that province.

He said Premier Fleming and his successor Premier Clark, both solicited money from him with threats that unless it was forthcoming his operations would be stopped. After being held up repeatedly at a cost of hundreds of thousands of dollars by violations of agreements and promises on the part of the Canadians, he asserted that his partners finally "got enough" and withdrew.

Wants Wilson Seated.—Washington, Jan. 8.—A petition in behalf of William B. Wilson, contesting the election of Senator E. J. William S. Vare, of Pennsylvania, was presented to the Senate today by the Democratic leader, Senator Robinson, of Arkansas.

Wilson, a former secretary of labor, was the Democratic nominee against Vare. The proceedings instituted today allege that Vare was not legally elected, and is separate from the movement already underway to deny Vare a Senate seat because of excessive campaign contributions.

Senator Robinson served notice that a resolution would be offered urging a committee investigation of the charges made, which declared that Wilson "was chosen by a majority of the votes legally cast."

"Mr. Vare admitted before the Senate investigating committee expending \$71,000 of his personal funds," said the position, "and this constitutes a violation of the federal corrupt practices act of 1925, which limits expenditures of a candidate for senator in every case not to exceed \$25,000."

Treasurer of art, collected by Mr. Parson in his travels, included tapestries, rare rugs and period furniture, were destroyed.

The mansion was built thirty years ago by John McCall, then president of the New York Life Insurance Company, and was sold by him to C. B. Greenhut, department store magnate of New York. Mr. Parson purchased the place in 1918.

Preacher's Message Prevented Suicides.—(By International News Service) Birmingham, Ala., Jan. 8.—A preacher's message through a local newspaper probably saved the lives of a dozen men and women in Birmingham, according to Rev. J. A. Bryan, a veteran pastor who has preached at the same church for thirty-seven years.

Declaring he was greatly worried by the growing number of suicides, Bryan called the newspaper office and asked that a story be written urging "all those who contemplate suicide to come and see me and let me pray with them."

The story was printed the next day. Later Bryan called the same newspaper and asked the reporter who wrote it to come and see him.

"I want you to know," he said, "that what we did ten days ago has stilled the troubled souls of more than two dozen men and women in Birmingham. I cannot reveal details but I have no doubt we saved their lives."

With Our Advertisers.—The Change of Ownership Sale of the G. A. Moser Shoe Store begins today and ends January 20th. Men's and women's shoes given free.

"Can the Living Talk to the Dead?" will be the subject of the sermon at the First Baptist Church Sunday night.

The Spring styles for women and misses at Fisher's. Go and see them. The Concord Plumbing Co., 174 Kerr street, handles a line of dependable bath room necessities. Phone 576.

The Forest Hill Cleaning Co. knocks the spots out of your clothing. Phone 1751.

The Concord Vulcanizing Company saves the lives of tires gone wrong. Dry cleaning pays actual dividends. See ad. of Wrenn at Kannapolis.

Nine Slain



George Hassell, forty-five, farmer of Farwell, Tex., was arrested and was said to have confessed the murder of his wife and eight children by former marriage.

CHAIRMAN OF THE THREE BIG COMMITTEES NAMED

Scrupre Expressed that Townsend Was Not Named Chairman of the House Finance Committee.

Raleigh, Jan. 8.—Announcement of the personnel of the House committees on appropriations, finance and education was productive of but mild comment on the part of House members, although a little surprise was expressed that N. A. Townsend, of Harnett, defeated candidate for speaker, was not named as chairman of either the finance or appropriations committee, although he was named as a member of both, as was H. G. Connor, Jr., of Wilson, the other defeated candidate for the speaker.

On the whole, the selection of A. H. Graham, of Orange county, as chairman of the committee on finance, and of Z. V. Turlington, of Iredell, as chairman of the committee on appropriations was generally approved, as was the selection of H. G. Connor, Jr., of Wilson, as chairman of the committee on education, a committee which because of certain conditions arising at this time, make it a committee of outstanding importance.

If the committees on finance and appropriations accept the bills for these two divisions pretty much as recommended by Governor A. W. McLean and the advisory budget commission, their tasks will not be so arduous.

However, if extensive revisions are made, they will be faced with a really big proposition. However, after analyzing the membership of these committees, the consensus of opinion seems to be that there is no great possibility of extensive changes being made in either the revenue bill or the appropriations bill.

The selection of Mr. Connor as chairman of the committee on education is especially approved because of his familiarity with this branch and because of the importance of the question of education is scheduled to occupy at this session with the possibility of action on the submission of the eight months school term question to the people in the form of a constitutional amendment. Thus the action taken by this committee will be followed with much interest.

The personnel of the committees follows: Committee on finance: Graham, of Orange, chairman; Townsend, Bridger, Murphy, Martin of Davidson, Connor, Winston, Hargett, Squires, Stancil, Cox of Forsythe, Gibbs, Hatt, Maceon, Wright, McDevitt, Boyd, Coffey, Graham of Sampson, Turlington, Parker, Gold, Makepeace, Austin, Harris, Oliver, Matthews, Moss of Nash, Ward, Moser, Everett of Martin, McLean of Beaufort, Smith of Wake, Norwood and Jenkins.

Committee on appropriations: Z. V. Turlington, Iredell, chairman; Graham of Orange, Connor, Townsend, Nash, Black, Brewer of Wake, Price, Giles, McLean of Beaufort, Dunn, Bullard, Wood, Brawley, Smith of Rockingham, Gold, Rogers, Folger, Younce, Rhodes, Ward, Sutton, Mason, Makepeace, Fanningan, Morgan, Tatam, Butler, Wilson of Pasquotank, Kerr, Woodward, Moss of Rutherford, Everett of Durham, Creekmore and Dunn.

Committee on education: H. G. Connor, Jr., of Wilson, chairman; Moss of Nash, Ward, Harris, Cox of Alleghany, McLean of Beaufort, Gold, Parker, Folger, Poole of Hoke, Black, Austin, Nash, Falls, Winston, Jones, Fivott, Graham of Sampson, Giles, Fure, McDevitt, Helms, Bost, Kerr, McBride, Whitaker, Leggett, Watkins of Brunswick, Makepeace, Satterwhite, Smith of Wake, Rouse, Townsend, Price, Rideout, Gwaltney, Wetmur and Parnell.

COOLIDGE DEFENDS HIS POLICIES IN NICARAGUAN CRISIS

"Evarts Doctrine" Was Referred to by Administration Which Denies Meddling in Situation.

PROTECTION AIM OF GOVERNMENT

This Fact Is Set Out in "Doctrine" Which Was Written by Secretary of State in Hayes Regime.

Washington, Jan. 8.—(AP)—Opponents of the American government's policy in Nicaragua, now augmented by certain European as well as Latin-American newspapers, have been answered anew by the Coolidge administration, and principles enunciated 50 years ago have been recalled to back up his attitude.

These principles brought to light from the aging files of the State Department yesterday, and announced at the White House as one set of several precedents for the present action, were contained in the so-called "Evarts doctrine," a note communicated by William Maxwell Evarts, secretary of State under President Hayes, to Minister Foster for presentation to the Mexican government in 1878.

"The first duty of government," the note said, "is to protect life and property. This is a paramount obligation. For this governments are instituted and governments neglecting or failing to perform it become worse than useless."

"This duty the government of the United States has determined to perform to the extent of its power towards its citizens abroad. It is not solicitous, it has never been about the methods or ways in which that protection shall be accomplished, whether by formal treaty stipulations, or by formal conversations; whether by the action of judicial tribunals or that of military force.

"Protection in fact to American lives and property is the sole point upon which the United States is tenacious."

Galveston Reaches Nicaragua.—San Juan del Sur, Nicaragua, Jan. 6.—(AP)—The United States steamship Galveston, which left Corinto at dawn yesterday, arrived here last night and was proceeding today to Salinas Bay at the southern extremity of Nicaragua.

Communications with the interior, which were cut off yesterday after reports of bandit activities had been received, were still blocked today.

OIL IN NORTH CAROLINA

Deep River Mining Area Contains One-Ninth of Oil Produced in United States.

(By International News Service) Charlotte, Jan. 8.—One-ninth of the total amount of oil produced in the United States since 1859 is now available in the Deep River mining area in North Carolina. The estimate is 1,000,000,000 gallons.

This is the finding of Dr. Frank G. Gilbrand, professor of industrial chemistry at the University of North Carolina, contained in a report to the state department of conservation and development.

The oil is contained in shale, and its distillation for commercial purposes, according to H. G. Bryson, state geologist, is "not only a possibility but a promising commercial investment for the future for North Carolinians."

In stressing the importance of shale deposits, Bryson referred to the experts, who have predicted that the country's supply of petroleum will become exhausted at the present rate of consumption within the next twenty-five or thirty years, and that it would become necessary to seek new sources of supply.

He pointed out further that the federal government regarded the project so seriously that it had appropriated money for the study and acquisition of oil bearing shale deposits. He declared that a plant for producing oil is to be erected on the naval oil shale reserve near Boulder, Col.

Bryson stated that borings in the Deep River district (Lee and Carthage counties), in south-central section of the state) have shown thicknesses varying from 35 to 40 feet, and extending over large areas. Estimates show 400,000,000 tons of oil bearing shale, he said.

Dr. Vibbrandt describes the material as a compact laminated rock of sedimentary origin, yielding more than 33 per cent ash, and containing organic matter which yields oil when distilled, but not appreciably when extracted with ordinary petroleum solvents.

Stimulants Aid to Fall

El Paso, Tex., Jan. 8.—(AP)—Stimulants were used last night to increase the blood pressure of former Secretary of the Interior Albert B. Fall, ill with pneumonia at his home here. Fall, said today that no immediate crisis is feared, and that the patient has rallied.

WEATHER FORECAST

Fair tonight and Sunday, warmer tonight and in east and north portions Sunday. Moderate northeast and east winds.

Voice Wins



Rosalind Ruby, eighteen, formerly of Cleveland, O., sang at her work in a New York shop. Queena Mario, opera singer, heard her, and arranged for an audition that may lead to an opera career.

HOUSE PASSED RESOLUTION URGING THE STATE DELEGATION IN CONGRESS TO FAVOR IT

The Tribune Bureau Sir Walter Hotel Raleigh, Jan. 8.—The move for the creation of another federal judicial district in North Carolina was given considerable impetus when the Senate, by suspending the rules, passed a resolution urging the North Carolina delegations in Congress to use its influence for the creation of such a federal district, and sent the resolution to the house.

The resolution was presented Friday by Senators B. S. Womble, Winston-Salem; Charles A. Hines, Greensboro; J. M. Broughton, Raleigh; W. P. Horton, Pittsboro; F. W. Hancock, Jr., Oxford; Kenneth C. Royall, Goldsboro, and W. H. Woodson Salisbury.

Two other bills of a local nature were presented, and one of them passed on first reading. This was special bill by Senator D. A. McDonald to exempt J. V. Miles, of Moore county, from payment of the license tax on peddlers. The other bill offered was to provide books for the use of committees in the committee rooms, and was referred to the proper committee.

The house passed its first bill Friday, acting on a bill on the resolution that had been previously offered by Representative Oscar Haywood, of Montgomery, that action be taken looking toward the better preservation of the house in which Andrew Johnson was born, now in Pullen Park, Raleigh.

Seven new bills were offered in the house, five of them by Representative W. Wilson of Transylvania, all relating to Transylvania county. A bill was offered by Representative M. W. Nash, of Richmond county, to repeal chapter 24 of the public local laws of 1925 and providing for the election of a board of county commissioners for Richmond county.

Another bill was offered by Representative Francis D. Winston, of Bertie, to provide for an audit of the various county officers and boards in Bertie county.

The bulk of the Friday morning session was taken up by the delivery of the budget message by Governor A. W. McLean, after which both the senate and house adjourned until 10 o'clock Saturday morning.

A Bull "Surrounded by Water"

(By International News Service) Nashville, Tenn., Jan. 6.—Among the thousands rendered homeless throughout this vicinity by the Nashville flood, a lone Hereford bull stood atop a haystack eighteen feet high, in the center of a large field. Water surrounded the stack to a depth of fifteen feet. The bull nuzzled the damp hay and kept silent watch over his small "island."

Passing canoes failed to respond to his piteous look. No doubt, bulls made clumsy canoe companions. But, wonder what the animal thought? Probably "damp bad weather!"

Nantasket Beach Visited by Fire

Hull, Mass., Jan. 8.—(AP)—A fire at Nantasket Beach which leveled the 174-room Atlantic House in less than an hour, destroyed two large cottages, and damaged five others with an estimated loss of \$250,000, was brought under control early today through the combined efforts of firemen from ten towns. Nantasket Beach is a popular summer resort near here.

BRITISH SUBJECTS IN CHINA NOW RESUME WORK UNDER GUARD

Cantonese Leaders Have Agreed to Withdraw Chinese Troops and Pickets at British Concession.

BRITISH POLICE TO BE GUARDS

Police From the Former Russian and German Concessions Also Will Be Employed Now.

London, Jan. 8.—(AP)—The British foreign office was advised from Hankow this morning that the Cantonese authorities have agreed to withdraw all Chinese troops and pickets from the British concession which will be policed jointly by the British police, assisted by police from the former Russian and German concessions. These are foreign trained Chinese.

The British police also are natives under British supervision. It is expected that British subjects will return to their offices some time today from the barracks, where they were concentrated for safety.

Quiet Now Prevails

Hankow, China, Jan. 8.—(AP)—The Cantonese government late tonight promised to withdraw its soldiers and pickets from the British concessions tomorrow.

Quiet prevailed here throughout the day, because of a heavy rain which prevented the coolies from assembling in the streets.

All British firms have kept their doors closed, but American concerns continued to operate. All British women and children have been moved out, and the men remaining here were confined to one building.

Two ships bearing women and children safely passed Kiukiang 150 miles down the river, bound for Shanghai.

Americans Leave Kiukiang

Hankow, Jan. 8.—(AP)—Word from Kiukiang, 150 miles from here last night said Americans there had been permitted to board the American gunboat Panguin and that all women and children were taken from the city after rioters broke down the barricade to the foreign settlement and entered. Cantonese troops took over the concession.

"Closed" Door Open at Press Conference

Washington, Jan. 6.—(AP)—The big clock on the wall of the outer lobby of the president's office points its hands to 11:55, if it is Tuesday, or to 3:55 if it is Friday.

Precisely then a veteran White House police officer calls out: "Have all questions been passed in? Time's up."

His inquiry is directed to some forty or more newspaper-writers, about to be received at the regular bi-weekly "press conference." Under a custom inaugurated by President Harding, the questions must be submitted in writing on the same day and at 3:55 if it is Friday.

The door remains open, in actuality, with a secret service man standing at the portal. But for all the intensest purposes of this dispatch it is closed, locked, and double-locked. For what transpires next within the room transpires in inviolable confidence.

Hen Lays Ewo Eggs on Same Day

(By International News Service) Dunn, N. C., Jan. 8.—Dunn boasts the most distinguished hen in the state, a bird that laid two perfectly good eggs on the same day and at the same time. One of them was almost as large as a goose egg, and the other was inside a regular size hen egg. Inside the large egg, in addition to the smaller egg was the usual food product.

Continues Injunction Against Asheville

Marshall, N. C., Jan. 8.—(AP)—The temporary injunction restraining the city of Asheville from purchasing approximately 4,500 acres in the North Fork watershed area, was today ordered continued by Judge P. A. McElroy, sitting in chambers here, until "such time as the city may appropriate sufficient funds with which to purchase the land in question."

Fine River Boat Burns

Memphis, Tenn., Jan. 8.—(AP)—The Kate Adams, rated as one of the finest of the sockets moving up the Mississippi river, was burned to the water's edge at her moorings in the Memphis harbor today.

"SPIRITUALISM" or "Can the Living Talk to the Dead?"

Sermon Subject at the FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH SUNDAY NIGHT

The Male Quartet Will Sing