

FARMER RELIEF BILL FINDS FAVOR WITH MAJORITY REPORTS

McNary-Haugen Farm Relief Bill Approved by Majority Report of Senate Agriculture Committee.

MINORITY LOOKS WITH DISFAVOR

Report of Minority of the House Committee Says Bill Worse Than One Defeated Last Year.

Washington, Jan. 22.—(AP)—Describing the McNary-Haugen bill as "more objectionable and certainly more unconstitutional" than its predecessor of last spring, a minority report signed by three members of the House agriculture committee was filed with the House today, seeking in effect the enactment of the Curtis-Crisp bill.

The latter measure was held up as "a constitutional and constructive measure upon the only lines which our long examination of this question leads us to believe can prove successful."

The report was written by Representative Ford, Republican, New Jersey. Representatives Tincher, Republican, Kansas, and Pratt, Republican, New York, added their signatures.

The two measures in controversy are unlike in several respects, but the most important of these is the equalization fee by which McNary-Haugen bill would control crop surpluses. The Curtis-Crisp plan omits this feature.

In addition to declaring the fee to be a tax and unconstitutional the minority report said the bill containing it was a price-fixing measure; that it would upset all existing trade channels; kill co-operative marketing organizations; and increase production of cotton, which would result in increasing prices.

The equalization fee was described as "clearly a tax," no different from that levied by municipalities to provide money for sinking funds.

"As to cotton," the minority declared, "we are inclined to believe the fee as a tax is constitutional, since it reaches the entire production and not the processor."

and rice, however, the bill has been carefully drawn both to exclude any interest of the producer in any balance in the equalization fund, and to eliminate the possibility of the fee being levied against processing by the producer, or against sales from one farmer to another."

Gives Approval.—(AP)—The McNary-Haugen farm relief bill was approved today by the Senate agriculture committee.

PROSECUTION IS THROUGH IN THE NORRIS CASE

Argument by Counsel Will Be Begun Monday Morning

Austin, Tex., Jan. 22.—(AP)—The prosecution closed its case at 11:25 this morning in the trial of the Rev. J. Frank Norris for the slaying of Dexter E. Chipps, wealthy lumberman. The State rested after the testimony of rebuttal witnesses.

The defense at once placed on the stand a number of witnesses in rebuttal, in an effort to impeach the testimony of several state witnesses.

A young school teacher, Miss Melba Bullock, who formerly lived in Fort Worth, was the state's chief witness today. She arrived at the First Baptist Church in Fort Worth just a few minutes after Chipps was shot by Norris.

She testified to the general effect that Norris was calm after the killing.

C. D. Rogers testified that H. H. Rams had told him a few minutes after the shooting that Norris had remarked "I've killed me a man."

Arguments will begin on Monday. The defense asked a delay to permit the arrival of two witnesses.

Boy Writes Backwards

London, Jan. 22.—A six-year old boy in the United States is suffering from a rare disease called mania scripta, a brain condition which causes him to write backwards. All his writing has to be held up to a mirror before it can be read.

The right side of the brain normally governs the left side of the body, but in this case there is a transference of certain motion centres from the left to the right.

This boy writes with his left hand, and from the right side of the paper to the left. Except for a slight stammer, he is bright and normally intelligent.

First in 28 Years

Raleigh, Jan. 22.—Representative Thomas H. Coffey of Blowing Rock is Watauga County's first Democratic representative in the General Assembly in a period of 28 years.

Representative A. McL. Graham, of Clinton, is Sampson County's first Democratic representative in the Assembly in 32 years.

Another who overturned the usual Republican vote in the last election was Senator R. J. Roanne of Whittier, whose seat is being contested.

Outlook Favorable for Passage Of an Australian Ballot Law

The Tribune Bureau Sir Walter Hotel

Raleigh, Jan. 22.—The outlook for the passage of a statewide Australian ballot bill continues to look increasingly promising, according to those who have been carefully watching the growth of sentiment in favor of a measure of this kind. Though an Australian ballot act was offered in the senate early in the session by Senator McNeil, a later bill, sponsored by Representative B. T. Falls, of Cleveland county, in the house, and by Senator J. M. Broughton, of Wake, in the senate, is the measure which seems to be gaining the most approval. This seems to be because it provides that the names of all candidates and questions to be voted upon be printed on one sheet, instead of several absentee voting.

Under the terms of the Falls-Broughton bill, provision is made the illiterate, blind or physically disabled voters may have assistance in the voting of their ballots, the two judges party tickets may be voted by making one mark in the proper place, as at present.

The fact that ballots in primary elections are to be marked in much the same way as they are at present is a factor that is going to aid greatly in winning the eventual passage of this bill. Heretofore there has been very little opposition to the Australian ballot in general elections but in some quarters party leaders have feared that it might be dangerous, in the primaries, should one faction get in control and use it against another faction.

However, under the Falls-Broughton bill there is little danger of this possibility of this taking place in primary elections. It is generally admitted that the Australian ballot gives the advantage to the party in power and it is conceded that its statewide adoption would probably reduce the already small republican representation in the senate and house, though it would give the republicans

an advantage in those counties which are preponderantly republican. Scenes in the house in 1925 when Representative Falls introduced his Australian ballot bill and the valiant fight he made for it then are being recalled by the "old timers" who took part in the fray, which is now admitted as being one of the most tense sittings of the 1925 house.

Argument pro and con had been waged and a vote was drawing nearer and nearer, with the likelihood of a majority of two or three votes for the passage of the Falls bill. Several of the opponents of the measure were absent from the house and the balance of the opposition knew it and were sweating under their collars. There was little doubt but that the bill would pass the second reading, at least.

Then someone moved to have the bill read, the call was sustained and the tedious task was started. And all the time the hands of the clock were rapidly creeping up towards adjournment. Hunger seized upon the opponents of the Australian ballot bill and they yawned and longed for food and it seemed as if their lives could no longer be sustained without it.

Finally one member of the opposition who could stand it no longer got up and made an eloquent speech as to the extenuating position of the hungry members of the house, ending with the motion that the "house do now adjourn." And since the motion to adjourn was undebatable, the house did thereupon adjourn, at the same time signing the death warrant of the Falls Australian ballot bill for the session. It died hard and it was known that it would in time be resurrected.

And at present virtually this same bill is up and coming and promises to be and remain one of the liveliest measures in the general assembly with an excellent prospect for its eventual passage.

STATE TROOPERS ARE CHARGED WITH MURDER

Held in Connection With Death of Woman During Battle at Farm House in New Jersey

Philadelphia, N. J., Jan. 22.—(AP)—As the result of the death of a woman during an all-night battle at a lonely farmhouse in the town of Jundland, twelve state troopers were held here today on charges of murder. Two other troopers and two agents of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals were accused of accessory

to the crime. The investigation of a complaint by the society that cattle were underfed.

The warrants were issued last night after the coroner's jury had found that Miss Beatrice Meaney, who, terrified, hid in a closet, met death "in an unwarmed, atrocious and unlawful attack on the home of her brother."

Miss Meaney and her brothers, Timothy and James, barricaded themselves in the house after James had been shot in one knee by a trooper. The twelve troopers accused testified that they fired their guns during the 12-hour siege, during which gas bombs also were used. Twenty-four troopers were present.

LEE'S LONG LOST LETTER LOCATED

Note Written in 1870 Is Discovered in a Discarded Trunk

Blue Ridge, N. C., Jan. 22.—A strange coincidence occurred here when a letter written by General Robert E. Lee was found in Lee Hall after having been lost for twenty-seven years.

The letter was written to Mrs. Cornelia Adeline Webb, Oakes, N. C., in 1870, it remaining a treasure in the family until 1900, when it disappeared. A search was made, but until a few weeks ago it was again in an old trunk in Robert E. Lee Hall at this place. This being the first year of the existence of Lee School, it seemed very strange, indeed, that the letter should come to light there. The trunk in which the letter was found had recently been brought from Oakes, but the letter was not known to be in it.

When the owner, S. H. Webb, was informed of the recovery of the letter he exclaimed, "Why, I have looked for that for years. It will stay here in my pocket as long as I live."

The contents of the letter have not yet been disclosed.

The foyer of the Concord Theatre has recently been painted and several pictures of motion picture stars have been placed on the walls. The inside of the theatre has also been repainted within the last few days.

AT FIRST METHODIST PROTESTANT CHURCH

Anne and Moore Streets

Sunday, January, 23, 1927

11 A. M.

"The Glories of the Cross"

(First of a Series of Sermons on the Cross)

7:00 P. M.

"Brotherhood Night"

Male Chorus Will Sing

WELCOME

Note: Last Sunday evening was "Family Night" with a capacity house.

A person who had not been in church in more than eight years said: "I never saw the like." Others said: "Wonderful. It is an coming back."

The reason is, they are different.

MOB BREAKS UP AFTER NIGHT SEARCH FOR YOUNG NEGRO

Greensboro, Jan. 22.—(AP)—Reports from Reidsville this morning are that a mob after an all night search for Paul Settle, negro, who is alleged to have attacked a young white girl there yesterday, had dispersed, their search for the negro being futile. The negro, who was arrested soon after the alleged attack, had been spirited from place to place by the sheriff's force in an effort to evade an excited mob.

The young girl, who is seventeen years old, is reported to be in a serious condition, but it is thought she will recover.

PROPOSED GAME LAW

Uniform Regulations for Hunting and Protection of Wild Game

Raleigh, Jan. 22.—Uniform regulations for hunting and for the protection of wild game are contained in a state-wide bill introduced in the House Friday by Representative Fred Sutton of Lenoir County.

Modeled in part from statutes which have been found satisfactory and beneficial in other states and with consideration of local conditions in North Carolina, the bill is said by its friends to be virtually assured of passage by the General Assembly.

The bill has received the approval of officers of the North Carolina Game and Fish League and of the Department of Conservation and Development, together with that of leading sportsmen and conservationists over the state.

High spots of the bill include the creation of a state Game Commission for the administration of the regulations, the establishment of game sanctuaries, a uniform hunting season for the various game, bag limits, and a uniform license fee.

Acting under appointment and direction of the commission, and bill authorizes the appointment of a state Game Warden to have general supervision over the administration of the law. A salary of not to exceed five thousand dollars a year is set for the warden. With the approval of the commission, the warden would have authority to appoint deputy wardens over the state.

The bill provides a fee of \$1.50 and 25 cents for the officer issuing the license to residents of the state, while a non-resident license fee of \$25 with the same issuing charge is provided for. However, each county is given authority to set a license fee against non-residents of the state as they deem advisable.

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THE COTTON MARKET

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BUSINESS WITH THE LEGISLATURE TODAY WAS NOT IMPORTANT

Day Stood Out as Dullest of 1927 Assembly.—Quorum Not Present for the Session.

FEW BILLS WERE GIVEN THOUGHT

Most of Those Introduced Were Local Measures.—Will Meet Next Monday Night.

State Capitol, Jan. 22.—(AP)—The General Assembly of North Carolina completed the first quarter of the legislative session here today.

Not a statewide measure was introduced nor argued. There was not a suggestion of important business during the session. The day stood out as the dullest of the 1927 Assembly as considerably less than a quorum went through the formality of the Saturday session.

The committee schedule was blank for the afternoon, and by noon a new exodus had left only a handful of legislators to remind the capital that a General Assembly was in session.

In the House the principal bid for fame was the passage of a bill amending the local enforcement laws in four extreme western counties—Swain, Polk, Jackson and Transylvania. This bill presented by Representative Nicholson of Jackson county, would tighten the mountain run laws by throwing out the special laws passed in 1925 covering the territory, and substituting the statewide Turlington act. The bill was brought up for passage yesterday, but was tabled because it did not provide means for trying prohibition cases now pending. Today Mr. Nicholson sent forward an amendment that would make all such cases under the Turlington Act.

Other bills introduced came from Representative Matthews, of Scotland, in the form of an instrument that would amend the laws relating to damage done by dogs in his home county; and from Representative Williams, Swain, that would regulate the taking of fish from mountain streams and lakes of his county.

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MEEKER RETURNED TO HICKORY HOME DURING THE NIGHT

Hickory, Jan. 22.—(AP)—Dan L. Meeker, prominent American Legion man, who has been missing since last Monday, returned to Hickory sometime during the night, and was back in the Meeker Art Studio today. Legion officials from Charlotte and Hickory got in touch with him over long distance telephone at Birmingham Thursday afternoon and he is said to have promised to return home. He gave financial circumstances as his reason for leaving.

BILL TO STANDARDIZE WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

Claimed Will Save Thousands of Dollars to Merchants and Consumers.

Raleigh, Jan. 22.—Merchants and consumers will save thousands of dollars annually if a bill to standardize weights and measures, now in process of formation, is enacted into law by the Legislature. Governor McLean, in his budget message recommended a standardization measure.

Some interesting statistics and comments were secured in an interview with George Ross, head of the Division of Markets. "There is one standard of measure of length of surface, one of weight and one of capacity," said Mr. Ross, "yet in North Carolina we guess at these standards, and in so far as the law is concerned, one man's guess is as good as another's. There are, exceptions, of course. A few counties have scales of weights and measures and most men are honest, but according to a survey made recently in one Southern state, only one-third of the measuring devices in the retail stores were accurate. Those that were incorrect were about equal divided for and against the owner of the scales."

Farmers last year suffered thousands of dollars loss, it is estimated, due to inaccurate scales as many bales were overweight and ginners lost money on bales that were underweight. A service station operator here said he had been in business six years and no check had ever been made of his pump tanks other than by the wagon driver. Dairyman register a general complaint that they do not know whether their butter-fat is being properly measured by the Babcock test. The Babcock test is made with a small mechanical device that weighs as accurately as the beam scale.

Those interested in the effect of heavy transportation over state highways look forward to portable weighing devices when the maximum weight of trucks becomes a problem. Portable scales are now in use in many states. "The only way a state can protect itself against short weight and false material received as interstate shipment is through a weights and measure act," said Mr. Ross. "Sometimes North Carolina may wish to standardize scales of bread. Ohio did and in two years varied 100 per cent. in the price of bread did not vary more than 16 per cent. A bill is now before Congress, to make the Ohio law nationwide."

"Alabama has a modern weights and measure law and from an annual report the following interesting facts are revealed: 74 per cent. of the cotton bales were incorrect and it is estimated 6,500 bales of cotton were lost in weighing and 60 per cent. of the errors were against the customer. In the inspection of packages sold over the counters 81 per cent. were short in weights, 7 per cent. correct and 11 per cent. overweight. Many wagons and trucks were found delivering ice and coal without any pretense of weighing by heavy trucks."

"Recently a foreign shipment of thermometers, incorrectly sealed, but priced below the cost of manufacturing, were scattered throughout America. Many people were found with thermometers, some minus and some plus. This brought about a consideration of the testing of thermometers by the government and a bill providing for same is now pending."

Bradstreet's Weekly Review. New York, Jan. 21.—Bradstreet's tomorrow will say: Wholesale trade, this week was spotted, with some future business booked in certain lines, especially cotton goods, but with most orders of a fill-in nature. Some centers reported that, although it was expected that a good spring business would develop eventually, retailers were backward in building up depleted stocks. At Chicago, a better business was done with buyers from the southwest than had been anticipated, in view of the low price of raw cotton. Wholesaling was held back somewhat by heavy falls of snow and low temperatures early in the week over the northern sections of the country, and this factor retarded retail trade to an even greater extent. It was further noted that response to "reduction sales" at retail was not as strong as earlier in the month. Jewelry and millinery showed, perhaps, somewhat more than seasonal dullness.

Weekly bank clearings \$10,337,063,000, a decrease of 4.1 per cent. from a year ago.

"Hell" or

"Is God too Good to Punish the Wicked"

Pastor's Sermon Subject Sunday Night at the

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

4th in series on "Life Beyond the Grave." Don't Miss It.

RIOT IN SHANGHAI HALTED BY POLICE WITH FEW INJURIES

Rioting Started During Parade of Conductors and Motormen of the City Tramway Company.

BRICKS AND STONES USED AS WEAPONS

Clash Came at End of a Week of Labor Troubles. Workmen Had Been on Strike Two Days.

Shanghai, Jan. 22.—(AP)—Rioting broke out in Shanghai, the principal refuge of foreigners in China, during a parade of conductors and motormen of the Municipal Tramway Company tonight, but was put down by the police of the international settlement with only a score or more of injuries to the tramway workers, and a few bruises among the officers participating. None of the injuries was serious.

The melee took place on Nanking Road, the Broadway of Shanghai, in the heart of the city, during the evening rush hour. The police used their clubs freely, but were careful not to use firearms. A barrage of bricks and stones featured the offensive of the tramway workers.

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BROCK CASE MAY GO TO JURY LATE TODAY

The Former Superior Court Judge Is Charged in Winston-Salem With Embezzlement

Winston-Salem, Jan. 22.—(AP)—The jury is expected to return a verdict late today in the case charging former Superior Court Judge Walter E. Brock with embezzlement. Judge Brock is charged with embezzling \$2000 from Mrs. Lillie Campbell, of Wake county.

He said the money was deposited in the bank and taken for payment on an overdue note, but bank officials on the witness stand have testified that no charge was made against the account of the defendant because of any note he might have had there.

JURY MAY GET THE MITCHELL CASE TODAY

Negro Being Tried at Pittsboro for Murder of William Fogelman

Pittsboro, N. C., Jan. 22.—(AP)—The case of Pearl E. Mitchell, negro, charged with the murder of William Fogelman, was expected to be in the hands of the jury shortly after noon today. Two state witnesses testified yesterday in the case.

Fogelman was killed last Saturday night when he and Allen Cheek, son of the merchant, were guarding the store of W. V. Cheek, at Ore Hill, against robbers. Cheek testified to grappling with a negro robber, and identified Mitchell. Mitchell was arrested soon after the robbery and taken to Durham, where it was said he had admitted that he was the man wanted.

Reaching for his revolver, the salesman said: "Well, brother, I guess this is as far as you'll go with me. Now get out."

As the woman impersonator alighted from the automobile she muttered: "I'll get even with you for this some time."

And now this salesman wouldn't pick up the most beautiful woman in the world.

With Our Advertisers. Genuine Ford batteries, only \$12. at Reid Motor Co. Fits 80 per cent. of all cars. Ask them about their exchange price.

New Spring styles at the G. A. Moore Shoe Store, 50 cents. Ladies' Slipper, from 50 cents. See the new ad. today of the Fetzner & York Insurance Agency.

Have your clothes dry cleaned and saved them. See new ad. of Wrenn, of Kannapolis.

The Concord Plumbing Co., 174 Kerr Street, will give you excellent plumbing service. Call up 578.

Will carry out your wishes faithfully and efficiently as executor or trustee. Millinery, coats and dresses at Robinson's. See list in new ad. of low prices on wool dress goods.

Harry Rosenberger, of Schloss Bros. & Co., is holding a special sale of fine tailoring at Hoover's Store today. Go and be measured for a suit.

"Showers of Blood." Paris, Jan. 22.—France recently experienced a storm, the remarkable feature of which were "showers of blood." At Toulon, Clermont and other places the