

25 New Bills Offered In Lower House; Many Others Given Thought

Seven of the 25 Measures Were of State-Wide Significance.—The Muscle Shoals Debate Up.

TAIL LIGHT BILL THROUGH SENATE

Requires All Vehicles to Carry Tail Lights.—Says State Has Nothing to Do With Muscle Shoals.

Raleigh, Feb. 11.—(AP)—Twenty-five new bills were introduced today in the House, seven of state-wide significance.

Representative Price, of Mecklenburg, and others, sent the first workmen's compensation law of the session. It is modeled closely upon the present Virginia law.

Judge Winston put up a resolution to ask Congress to erect a memorial at Kitty Hawk, N. C., the scene of the first successful airplane flight.

Representative Creekmore, of Wake, sent up a bill recommended by the state police association. It would give the county and city officers right to pursue a man suspected of a felony into any county of the state, and arrest and bring him back to the county where pursuit started.

Representative Hart, of Anson, one of the house "official adjourners," presented his first bill of the session. It would provide a bond issue for a county home in Anson.

"Twenty local bills were passed, either finally or to the Senate for ratification, before the usual morning debate broke.

The senate was called to order, prayer offered, and a House messenger brought over a large number of new measures which were referred to the committees. Senate committees reported the results of their labors, thereby putting a larger number of new local measures on the calendar for the next day.

The Senate committee on education passed favorable consideration of the effort of Senator Spinhour to reduce the number of members of the Board of Education for Morganton, and to abolish the office of city superintendent.

Following introduction of ten new senate bills and passage of two local bills, the senate passed without any discussion the bill offered during the first week of the session, requiring that all vehicles be equipped with tail lights.

Several other bills on the public calendar of the upper house amending state laws likewise passed without comment or debate, until the Muscle Shoals resolution came up, permitting open bidding on the part of the engineering work.

Senator Smith of Mecklenburg, did not see why the North Carolina legislature should "butt in" on the Federal measure, he did not know anything about Muscle Shoals, and he did not believe the Senate knew about it.

Senator Spencer, of Hyde explained the "rescission" of the Muscle Shoals resolution, and it passed to the House.

House debate meanwhile came over the bill sponsored by Klutz of Catawba, to reduce legal working hours in manufacturing plants from 60 to 55 hours per week.

Senate Adopts Resolution. Raleigh, Feb. 11.—(AP)—Joint resolutions providing for memorializing Congress to make surplus power generated at Muscle Shoals available for industry of Southern states, was passed by the senate today.

The bill was introduced in the House by Representative McLean of Beaufort, and passed by that body. It set out that the government will require of the Shoals lessees to reserve a certain amount of power generated for use in wartime emergency.

POOLE MEASURE KILLED AS RESULT OF LONG DEBATES

In the State Capitol There Is Feeling That Proponents Have Talked the Bill to Death.

LONG ARGUMENTS MADE THURSDAY

Those Who Are Opposed to Bill Were Bitterly Assailed by Proponents of the Measure.

The Tribune Bureau, Sir Walter Hotel, Raleigh, Feb. 11.—The heart of any plan is human, not material. Social Workers Are Told That Humanity Comes First in "State Planning."

"Two words sum up the great American problem," stated Mr. Hunt, "they are 'Drift of Mastered.' Our economic and social development in the past has been left too much to drift; nothing is so certain as that in the future, it will be mastered; nothing is so certain as that those who plan will lead," he said in conclusion.

"Chief among the ills of modern industry is the social isolation of the workers," Dr. W. A. Parker, of Asheville, field secretary of the Recreation Association told the Conference, chief of the needs of these workers, is a wider sense of human fellowship, which can not develop behind social barriers.

"The bill was still breathing, but faintly, when Tom Bowie, the first speaker for the bill—there were six speakers against it—concluded, after about 45 minutes of vociferous oratory, about 45 minutes of which was devoted to the tracing of the history of civilization as he understood it, and about five minutes to the discussion of the bill.

Following Mr. Bowie was J. W. Kerlew, a palat an attorney from Winston-Salem, who quoted from a text book being used at the University of North Carolina as an example of the kind of teaching the bill was designed to stop.

"The final blow against the bill was delivered by the Rev. Dr. McKendree Long, president of the North Carolina Bible League, when he spoke for more than an hour, superseding in favor of the bill. But his ultra-superior attitude of sophisticalism, his overbearing intolerance and his patronizing indulgence toward the ignorance of his audience served to erect a barrier of hostility from the outset, and the longer he talked the farther he got from attaining his purpose.

Virtually every speaker made a bitter attack upon the newspapers of the state, which for the most part have opposed the Bowie-Poole bill. Mr. Kerlew in the course of his speech said: "What hurts me is that the otherwise great newspapers of the state are standing behind the devil in this thing."

And Dr. Long was no exception, venting his spleen upon the newspapers of the state in exaggerated rhetoric and excessive verbosity. He pressed to have great respect for the press and its representatives in his introductory remarks, but heaped fire and brimstone upon it later.

Dr. Long is nothing if not dramatic, and according to some who observed him before the committee, he should have essayed the role of an actor rather than that of a clergyman. It was recalled by some that he originally aspired to be a great painter and studied art in Paris and New York before deciding to enter the ministry.

Being somewhat affronted and peeved because the time for his speech had been limited to a given number of minutes, he forensically declined at first to speak at all unless he should be allowed to have all the time he needed. Finally, when this was granted by the committee, he mounted to the speakers stand with an armful of books, documents, manuscripts and notes, whereupon he began his survey of ancient and modern philosophy, ethics, science, psychology and what not, in an attempt to trace the origin of the present modernistic movement which he maintained is now threatening to destroy the very civilization of this age—and which he maintains the Bowie-Poole bill will prevent.

After the first thirty minutes of his oratory had been weathered, the crowd began to thin, and as the hands of the clock neared six—he had begun to speak before four-thirty—few were left in the house except the goodly number of fundamentalists and the weary and worn members of the committee.

And so the "monkey bill" was talked to death by its own proponents. May it rest in peace!

Fleetwood Hotel Case Carried to Federal Court. Asheville, Feb. 10.—An effort on the part of the creditors of the Fleetwood Hotel corporation to remove the case from the state courts to the federal courts was seen today when a petition was filed in United States court asking that the corporation be placed in involuntary bankruptcy.

Voluntary bankruptcy was sought today by G. W. Buchholz, contractor, who is said to have failed as a result of the hotel affair.

The woodcock carries its young in its claws when flying.

Consolidation To Propose That State Departments Be Combined

Commissioner of Public Welfare, though she would not discuss the question as fully as Dr. Laughinghouse, merely stating that she thought nothing would be gained from the consolidation.

Others go still further in opposing the consolidation, one man in particular, but who does not wish to be quoted, stating that merely from a political consideration, if from no other, it would be bad policy to attempt the present administration of the Department of Public Welfare, since it has become a valuable asset as a "buffer" department, in addition to the excellent work it has been doing, especially in occupying the attention of the women of the state who are interested in politics and in participating in the work of the state.

"No one knows how valuable this Welfare Department is to all the other departments of the state, in absorbing "kicks" and petty grievances from numbers of people, many of them women. Mrs. Johnson has the faculty of being able to talk to these people, satisfy them and send them away happy. If this were not done, these complaints and grievances would be taken from one department to another, and even to the Governor.

"Then the women of the state have come to look upon this department as theirs, since a woman has been placed in charge of it—the only woman head of a state department—and it would be a fatal political move ever to attempt to take this department away from a woman—or womanhood. And the results accomplished by this department indicate that Mrs. Johnson and her assistants are fully capable of handling the department, despite the fact that some of the women of the state, who think they know how to run it and who really know nothing about it, are all the time trying to tell Mrs. Johnson how to run her department. It will be disastrous to think of combining this department with any other."

And this seems to be the general run of opinion among those who have given the matter thought, all agree, too, that little if any money could be saved to the state through such consolidation.

THE COTTON MARKET Opened Steady at Decline of 3 to 6 Points, May Selling Off to 14.02. New York, Feb. 11.—(AP)—The cotton market opened steady today at a decline of 3 to 6 points, May selling off to 14.02 and October to 14.41 under realizing or liquidation, promoted by relatively easy Liverpool cables, and prospects for somewhat better weather in the South.

A little southern selling was absorbed by trade buying to fix prices, and the market held steady during the first hour, prices showing rallies from the lowest. A good deal of business was attributed to the evening-up of small accounts in preparation for the adjournment over Lincoln's birthday or pending action in Washington on the farm relief bill. Private cables reported fair trade calling and covering which absorbed hedge selling in Liverpool, and that more idle tooms were being restarted in the Manchester cotton market.

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President's Plan For Disarmament Is Given Much Approval So Far

COOLIDGE PROPOSAL IS FINDING FAVOR SO FAR

Proposal For Further Limitation of Naval Armament Finds World in Receptive Mood.

Washington, Feb. 11.—(AP)—President Coolidge's proposal for further limitation of naval armament appears to have found the maritime powers in a receptive mood.

First impressions as reflected in news dispatches from abroad indicate that the President's plan to discuss the question next month at Geneva probably will be accepted, but that specific methods of limitation will have to be left for determination by the conference itself.

Responsible officials of both the British and Japanese governments are quoted as agreeable to the discussion of the subject broached by the President, but are not certain his suggestions for the extension of the 5-5-3 ratio to all classes of warfare can be accepted in advance.

France and Italy, the other two nations to whom the proposal was addressed, were reserving decisions, but they were not expected here to refuse to discuss limitation should the other powers agree to such a discussion.

The immediately favorable reaction in London and Tokio apparently did not surprise officials here, although they still professed to be without official advice. It is the usual thing to send out informal diplomatic feelers whenever a government contemplates such a step as that announced yesterday by Mr. Coolidge, and to be more or less certain how the land lies before there are any formal negotiations. Whether this was done in the present case, the State Department will not say.

CANTONESE PARTY SPLIT WASHINGTON HAS HEARD

Conservatives and Radicals Are Drawing Farther and Farther Apart.

Washington, Feb. 11.—(AP)—Indications of an impending split in the Cantonese nationalist party with the conservative and radical wings drawing farther and farther apart, are contained in official advices received from China, both by the government and uninterested diplomatic circles.

Observers here attach great significance to the reports, although they are not complete enough to furnish a clear picture of the internal situation in the party.

In some diplomatic circles it is believed that ultimately conservative control of the nationalist party will be established, to be followed possibly in an understanding between Chiang Kai-Shek, Cantonese war lord, and some members of the alliance of northern Tsuchis, in which Chang Tso-Lin is now the dominating figure.

It will come before there has been further fighting on the fronts where Cantonese and northern forces are now in contact, and what form of realignment might take, the diplomatic observers are unwilling to predict.

Much depends, it is said, to the extent to which the two chief leaders in the Peking and central China areas are able to trust each other in an attempt to recapture Shanghai from the Cantonese, moving down the line of the Peking-Hankow railroad from the Hwang-Ho, or Yellow River front, where the rival northern and southern armies now face each other.

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Great Britain Ready to Do Anything Possible to Put Into Effect Coolidge's Proposals.

London, Feb. 11.—(AP)—The British government heartily endorses the principles of President Coolidge's naval disarmament proposal.

The generally favorable press comments on the President's note voices both the public and private opinion of Great Britain," an official told the Associated Press.

It was asserted that Great Britain's support of American efforts toward disarmament, as enunciated by Lord Balfour at the Washington conference, would be accorded Mr. Coolidge's plan at Geneva.

French Study Proposal. Paris, Feb. 11.—(AP)—President Coolidge's proposal for further naval limitation is receiving careful study, it was said, at the French foreign office this morning.

Official comment is reserved until the whole bearing of the suggestion upon the present activities of the league of nations appears clear, and the eventual consequences of a new naval disarmament conference are weighed.

It is remarked that Mr. Coolidge addressed his memorandum only to those powers who were represented at the Washington conference, and the question arises whether the league is likely to take offense at a program that would seem to take the question of naval disarmament out of its hands. It is suggested in official quarters, however, that this difficulty can be bridged over if the Washington government is willing to associate the league in the new conference.

Italy Ready to Discuss Matter. Rome, Feb. 11.—(AP)—It is understood in political circles that an exchange of views on President Coolidge's naval armament proposals will be sought by Italy with England and France, and probably Japan.

Premier Mussolini is said to have discussed the president's memorandum at length with Marshal Badoglio, chief of staff of Italy's entire armed forces.

The general opinion continues to prevail that Italy will agree to join in a discussion of further naval limitations, with some reservations, among them an insistence upon confirmation of the principle sanctioned at the Washington conference, of an equal ratio of strength between the Italian and French navies.

Japan Will Accept. Tokio, Feb. 11.—(AP)—Rengo, the Japanese news agency, learned officially today that the Japanese government already had decided to accept the proposal of President Coolidge, suggesting a new conference for the reduction of naval armaments, and it is expected a reply to the President's message will be forwarded to Washington soon.

It was understood that Japan is basing its acceptance on three premises: first, that Foreign Minister Shidehara had expressed to the diet Japan's intention of furthering additions of equitable disarmaments in every way possible; second, Japan's financial and economic condition makes further disarmament most welcome as a relief from tax burdens; and third, Japan feels her international responsibilities make necessary her wholehearted co-operation with other powers for armament reduction.

Taken in Charlotte On Charge of Swindling. Charlotte, Feb. 10.—Charges of swindling and using the mails to defraud were heaped upon the head of J. H. Tyler, alias Mann, well-dressed white man about 40 years of age, who was arrested here this morning at the Clayton Hotel by Detectives Moser and Porter.

A telegram from Police authorities at New York City was received asking that he be held on the swindling charge, and Alex West, Chief of police, said the Federal Government will seek indictment against him on the allegation that he used the mails to defraud.

Three Millions of Taxes Are Overdue. Charlotte, Feb. 10.—Owners of \$3,000,000 worth of Mecklenburg county's broad acres and building lots stood perilously on the brink of losing their holdings today, when the county government sent out final notices that unless taxes overdue from 1925 were paid promptly the county would take over title to the property and it would pass into public holdings.

Continue Charges Against Judge Cooper. Washington, Feb. 11.—(AP)—The house today directed its judiciary committee to proceed with the invitation of impeachment charges brought against Federal Judge Frank Cooper of the northern New York district.

WEATHER FORECAST. Fair tonight, slightly colder on the south coast; Saturday fair, rising temperature, gentle variable winds.