

Many Major Measures to Come Up in the State Legislature This Week

Little or No Statewide Legislation Has Thus Far Been Finally Enacted—Busy Days This Week.

30 PUBLIC BILLS ON HOUSE CALENDAR

Southern Power Co. Says Passage of Winston Bill Would Cost It About \$1,000,000 Annually.

Raleigh, Feb. 14.—(AP)—Proposed changes in court procedure and in the election laws were before both houses of the general assembly on entering the last third of its sixty-day biennial session tonight.

Both houses had recessed from Saturday noon over the week-end in connection with the six-day business. Favorable committee reports on the Great Smoky Mountains national park project and the bridge project over the Cape Fear River at Wilmington, and hearing on the North Carolina Bible League anti-evolution bill, brought major legislation closer to the two house halls proper.

The Smokies \$2,000,000 appropriation question was set for consideration in the Senate this Wednesday. The statewide game bill, reported with unanimous favor, was to be considered in the house the same time. Judicial reform measures were set for consideration in the house Thursday night.

The house education committee planned to vote on the anti-evolution bill tomorrow and the bill was sure to reach the house floor under favorable or unfavorable report.

In the senate tomorrow the compromise committee bill giving the highway commission authority to locate roads comes too, with favorable reports.

Senator Walter Woodson, senate finance committee chairman, said the revenue bill would be reported out probably Friday.

Report to the education committee of both houses for in-school terms was due early this week.

Meanwhile with little or no statewide legislation finally enacted, the beginning of the seventh week was this week as the house calendar and the senate calendar. Tomorrow the joint elections committee has the Australian or secret ballot bill before it for disposal.

Tonight's calendar had the Canada bill to change the date of the primary election from June to August for consideration in the senate, and the house had the judicial reform measure to shake up the present jury selection system for vote. Other judicial conference measures suggested by jurists of the state recently were to be considered in special house meetings Thursday night.

On tonight's house calendar also was the Crekmore bill sponsored by the State Parent-Teachers Association to increase the age limit from 14 to 10 years for compulsory school attendance of all children who have not completed the eighth grade.

Southern Power Company counsel maintained passage of the Winston bill by the general assembly would curtail hydro-electric development. The measure, introduced at the latest house session, aimed through taxation to raise \$1,000,000 revenue annually, would cost the company from \$750,000 to \$1,000,000 annually, it was maintained.

CHARGED WITH ASSAULT ON 13-YEAR OLD GIRL

Three White Men of Yadkin County in Jail for Alleged Serious Offense.

Winston-Salem, Feb. 14.—(AP)—Jonah Speaks, 52, Leroy Pendergrass, 24, and Garland Childers, 21, all white, are in Yadkin county jail awaiting trial in charges preferred by Miss Edna Speaks, aged 13, who accuses the three of cutting her to go with them for a ride and assaulting her. Miss Speaks had been living with Mr. and Mrs. U. A. Martin, near Yadkinville.

She alleges that the three men came there and told her that her mother was ill and wanted her at home. Instead of taking her home, they carried her to an abandoned house where she was kept for a day. It is said that when rescued the girl was in a pitiful condition.

The three will be given a preliminary hearing before a magistrate this week.

STAR THEATRE

MONDAY-TUESDAY
"EVERYBODY'S ACTING"
With Betty Bronson, Ford Sterling, Louise Dresser, Lawrence Gray and Henry Wallace. It's a Paramount. Also Fox News and Pathe Sport Reel WEDNESDAY (Everybody's Day)
"THE GOLDEN STRAIN"
A Peter B. Kyne story with Madge Bellamy, Kenneth Harlan, Robert Bosworth and Ann Pennington. Also Fox News and Cat Comedy.
ADMISSION 5c AND 10c
THURSDAY-FRIDAY
"THE SEWING MACHINE GIRL"
With Madge Bellamy and Alan Forest. You have seen "Sandy" and also "Summer Bachelors", now see her best. It's a Fox Special.
SATURDAY
"THE WAR HORSE"
With Buck Jones. Also a comedy "SLIPPERY SILK"

REVISED REVENUE BILL TO BE READY NEXT WEDNESDAY

The Bill Will Be Submitted in Practically the Same Form in Which It Was Drawn.

A FEW MINOR CHANGES MADE

It Will Take the Senate and House at Least a Week to Consider It—Other Bills of Importance.

Tribe Bureau Sir Walter Hotel, BY J. C. BASKERVILLE.

Raleigh, Feb. 14.—The revised and rewritten revenue bill will probably be presented to the general assembly by the joint finance committee on Wednesday, it was learned today from one of those in close touch with the work of the committee. While a number of minor changes have been made in the bill, and a few sections have been altered, the bill will be submitted much in the same form it was drawn by the advisory budget commission, it was said.

When the bill is finally submitted, at least a week will be consumed by both the senate and house in considering it, it is estimated, since both houses will probably take the bill up section by section. It is thought that consideration of the bill can be completed within a week, unless some unexpected danger should be encountered.

A number of other bills of statewide importance are on the calendar for this week. The statewide game bill has already been reported favorably to both the senate and house, and it has been set as special order at the close of the house session Wednesday, and will probably come up Monday night or Tuesday in the Senate. The bill was on the calendar in the house Friday but action was deferred until Wednesday. It seems assured of passage.

The various bills relating to increasing the number of the judicial districts in the state have been made special order for the house Thursday night, and at this time the bill is ready to be taken up by the senate.

Final committee hearing on the Falls-Bronxton Australian ballot bill, for which he was serving a thirty-year sentence in State prison here Wood did not shoot him but hit him over the head with the butt of his gun. And Wood still maintains that he had no intention of killing Kaplan, and that the blow he struck was not hard enough to cause death.

Before holding up the drug store the druggist's bullet went entirely through his body, a few inches below the heart—Wood had participated in another holdup in Terre Haute, having held up a railroad brakeman and taken his watch, some money and considerable clothing that he was on January 19th. The fact that he was driving a Ford coupe which had been stolen from Roanoke, Va., on January 11th, indicates also that he was up to his old tricks of stealing automobiles.

The stealing of this coupe also complicates Wood's present status, since the government authorities are seeking him now on a charge of interstate trafficking in stolen automobiles, while the maximum penalty in Indiana for holding up the drug store is 26 years in prison. So whether or not he will be tried there or turned over to the federal authorities for trial or returned to North Carolina to serve the rest of his thirty-year sentence for second degree murder remains to be determined.

Positive identification of Wood by the Terre Haute police was not made until February 3rd since he had been too ill until then to have his fingerprints taken. These tallied with the descriptive circulars and then a picture of him and the fingerprints were sent to the prison here, where the identification was made positive, according to George Ross Pou, superintendent of the prison, who said "yes, it's Otto, all right."

House to Hold Night Sessions. Raleigh, Feb. 14.—(INS)—The House will hold its first night meeting of the present session this week. The body will meet on Thursday night by special order to consider judicial reform bills that have been introduced thus far in the session.

The House will take up the various bills that have been introduced that relate in one way or another to increasing the number of judicial districts in the State.

The committee substitute bill providing for the creation of seven additional districts in the State has passed the Senate. The bill produced the most extended argument the Senate has indulged in this session.

In the News Spotlight



REV. HARRY E. FOSDICK



PAT M. NEFF

NICHOLAS M. BUTLER HOSEA HONOUN

Rev. Harry Emerson Fosdick, pastor of the Park Avenue Baptist Church, New York, urged confessionals where Protestants could be comforted by their ministers. Pat M. Neff, former Governor of Texas, was appointed to the Board of Railroad Mediation, Nicholas Murray Butler, president of Columbia University, predicted that Calvin Coolidge would not be a Presidential candidate in 1928. Mme. Hosra Honoun, thirty-two, was the first woman attorney in Turkey.

CANNONS START ACTION AGAINST MILL COMPANY

Want \$1,700,000 Now Held As Surplus to Be Declared In Dividends. Albanarle, Feb. 12.—An action involving \$1,700,000 was begun today in the United States Supreme Court here to force the directors of the Cannon Manufacturing Company to declare in dividends the surplus of the corporation over and above the capital stock and the amount reserved by the stockholders as working capital.

PRESIDENT READY TO EXERCISE VETO

Now Preparing Message That Will Kill McNary-Haugen Bill, Says Lawrence. Washington, Feb. 12.—President Coolidge will assume the leadership at once in the fight against the type of legislation represented by the McNary-Haugen bill just passed by the Senate. The President is preparing a veto message, for it is confidently expected that the bill will pass the House next week. The margin of eight votes in the Senate, however, indicates that the measure cannot command a two-thirds vote for passage over a veto, so far from legislative approval, it has been rejected by the Senate.

THE MILLER TRIAL

Government's Effort to Show That Miller Was Unusually Interested in Passage of \$7,000,000 Claim. New York, Feb. 14.—(AP)—Bent on proving that Thos. W. Miller, former alien property custodian, was unusually interested in passage of the \$7,000,000 claim on impounded assets of the American Metal Company, the government today sought for the second time to procure admission of telegrams sent to Miller by his private secretary.

THE COTTON MARKET

Opened Firm at an Advance, But Prices Eased Off. New York, Feb. 14.—(AP)—The cotton market opened firm today at an advance of 14 to 18 points in response to higher Liverpool cables. There was further covering and buying based on the passage of the farm bill by the Senate after the close of business last week, but the advance brought in heavy realizing while there may also have been some selling for a reaction.

Memorial for Brown by Trustees of Duke

Missionary Address by Prominent With Mid-Year Meeting to Be Held February 23. Durham, Feb. 12.—In connection with the mid-year meeting of the trustees of Duke university here on February 23, there will be a memorial service for Joseph G. Brown, who died at his home in Raleigh a short time ago and who for 10 years had been chairman of the board.

Japan Must Maintain Her Naval Strength

Both Her Land and Sea Forces Are Necessary to Her Protection. Tokyo, Feb. 14.—(AP)—Premier Watanabe told the upper house of the diet today that Japan's present military and naval forces are necessary to maintain and protect Japan's existing position and rights.

Weather Forecast

Partly cloudy tonight, colder in extreme west and warmer in central and northeast portions; Tuesday calm and in west. Fresh southwest wind.

STEPS TAKEN FOR RETURN OF OTTO WOOD TO STATE

George Ross Pou Presents Paper to Gov. McLean for Extraditing the Notorious Criminal.

REWARD MAY BE DIVIDED

If Indiana Governor Honors Paper Wood Will Be Returned to Prison Here After His Third Escape.

Raleigh, Feb. 14.—(AP)—First steps for the return of Otto Wood, North Carolina's one-armed outlaw, were taken today when George Pou, state prison superintendent, presented papers to Governor McLean for his signing extraditing the notorious criminal from Indiana.

Mr. Pou was assured of the Governor's signature to the papers before he presented them. The superintendent did not plan to go to Terre Haute, Indiana personally to present the papers to the Indiana Governor.

If the Hoosier Governor honors the papers, Wood will be returned to prison here after his third escape. His last escape occurred last November.

The \$500 offered by North Carolina for Wood's return will be left to Indiana authorities to award. It appeared here likely that the amount would be split between the druggist in Terre Haute who shot Wood down last month when he attempted single-handed robbery of a drug store, and the officers who made his arrest a little later.

Wood's record, photograph, fingerprints, description, charges against him and alias were received from the Indiana jail by authorities here.

Charges against the notorious criminal since his confinement here in December 1923 for murder of A. W. Kaplan, Greensboro pawn broker, include: Three escapes from state prison here, added to his record of two escapes from Ohio and Tennessee jails previously; violation of the national anti theft act and Virginia theft law; attempt to rob; an assault with deadly weapon under the Indiana law.

WANT SUBSTITUTE FOR McNARY-HAUGEN FARM RELIEF BILL

Friends of the Measure Ask Authority to Substitute the Bill as Approved by the Senate.

MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE CALLED

Substitution of the Senate Bill and Its Passage Would Make Unnecessary Conference Report.

Washington, Feb. 14.—(AP)—Friends of the McNary-Haugen farm relief bill appeared today before the House rules committee, and asked authority to substitute the bill as approved by the Senate for the companion measure now under consideration by the House.

After hearing Chairman Haugen of the Agriculture Committee, the rules committee requested him to call a meeting of his committee and have it formally authorize a request that substitution be permitted.

Substitution of the senate bill and its passage without amendment by the House would make unnecessary a conference report to the Senate and South, there will be a mission study period starting at 7:15 and a mission address at 8 o'clock every night this week except Saturday at the Central Methodist Church, beginning tonight and lasting through Friday night.

The mission address will be given by Rev. A. D. Wilcox, pastor of Trinity Methodist Church, of Charlotte; Dr. E. K. McFarly, of Statesville, will speak Tuesday night, Charles Ireland, Conference Lay Leader, of Greensboro, will speak Wednesday; Rev. R. G. Tuttle, of Salisbury, will address the meeting Thursday; and Rev. H. C. Sprinkle, Friday evening.

In connection with the address, the mission study class will make a study of "Missionary Day in Methodist Missions" which is just off the press and gives a comprehensive view of the missionary situation.

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Washington, Feb. 14.—(AP)—Cotton consumed during January totaled 604,584 bales of lint and 54,016 or lint in December; and 582,315 of lint and 62,236 of lint in January, last year, the census bureau announced today. Cotton on hand January 31st was held as follows:

In consuming establishments, 7,873,007 bales of lint and 161,724 of lint.

In public storage and at compresses, 6,070,020 bales of lint and 57,870 of lint.

Imports for January totaled 56,939 bales.

Exports for January totaled 1,115,792 bales, including 41,437 bales of lint.

Cotton spindles active during January numbered 32,633,550.

Statistics for cotton growing states included:

Cotton consumed during January, 437,788 bales.

Cotton on hand January 31st was held as follows:

In consuming establishments, 1,272,740 bales.

Cotton spindles active during January numbered 17,482,426.

With Our Advertisers.

Get Squibb's milk of magnesia at Cline's Pharmacy, Phone 333.

For this week only the Concord Furniture Co. will sell a \$149.50 3-piece suite for only \$98.50. You can also get from 25 to 50 per cent off on other furniture during the February Clearing Sale.

The Goodyear tire chains are made of rubber. Get them at the York & Wadsworth Co., who carry a full line of tires.

The Ritchie Hardware Co. has everything you need for spring house cleaning. See new ad. today showing illustrations.

Every boy should bring his dad and every dad should take his son to see Richard Barthelmess in "The White Black Sheep" at the Concord Theatre today.

The Bell buyers have been in New York for two weeks buying new spring merchandise, and the Paris-Bell Co. here is receiving these goods daily.

C. H. Barrie & Co. want 300 cat hens at once, and will pay 200 cents a pound for them.

Copper's "Allen A" union suits are the name of comfort. Get them at Hoover's.

Everybody is invited to the Forest Hill Cleaning Co. at 7:30 o'clock tomorrow night. Free to all. Take your tickets with you.

E. B. Matthews, representing the Storrs-Schaefer Co., will be at the store of the Richmond-Flow Co. Wednesday and Thursday of this week.

The J. & H. Cash Store says it can settle the food question for you.

Quality is always the first consideration at the store of the J. C. Penney Co.

See the new ad. today of the Boyd W. Cox Studio.

Men's suits from \$9.95 to \$22.50 at Efrid's. Other attractive prices too.

Protect your clothes with a cedar chest. The Bell-Harris Furniture Co. has exactly what you want.

JAMES W. PHARR DIES SUDDENLY IN CHARLOTTE

Found Dead in His Bed This Morning by His Son, Ered Pharr. Charlotte, Feb. 14.—(AP)—James W. Pharr, 63 years old, one of the best known citizens of this city, died suddenly sometime last night. He was found dead in bed when his son, Ered Pharr, went to call him this morning.

Mr. Pharr was born in Statesville in 1863.

He was for many years a member of the board of trustees of the Union Theological Seminary, Richmond, Va., and of the board of trustees of Davidson College.

His wife died last September.

Funeral services will be held tomorrow.

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