

Bedraggled Senate In Ugly Humor Following An All Night Session

Filibuster to Keep Johnson Bill From Coming Up Kept Senators on the Job Throughout the Night.

QUORUM DID NOT GET ON THE JOB

For That Reason It Was Easy Matter for Opponents to Keep Bill From Coming Up For Vote.

Washington, Feb. 23.—(P)—With a hard night behind it, a bedraggled Senate stumbled along today in a continuation of the longest session it has held since the early war days.

Senator Hiram Johnson, of California, was the driving force behind the parliamentary wrestling match, and his bill for a great government dam at Boulder Canon furnished the prize of the war.

Southwestern senators opposing it were aided in their filibuster again and again during the night by failure of the Sergeant at Arms to command a quorum, even when armed with warrants of arrest.

With the coming of daylight, dozens of Senators who had successfully resisted the officers of the law during the night, trooped into the chamber to keep company with the little band of faithful who had been on watch all night, and the fight went on much as though there had been the usual overnight recess.

But the day's session was not without its hangover of ill humor engendered mainly by those sleepy-eyed senators who had been through their desks at odd hours of the early morning by assistant doorkeepers. Many of them made free display of their displeasure at having their peaceful slumbers interrupted by what one of them, Reed, of Missouri, characterized as an "inexcusable outrage."

The session had begun at 11 o'clock yesterday morning and Johnson insisted that the senate go on because he feared his bill was having its last day in court for this Congress.

During the early night it was a comparatively easy matter for the party whips to keep enough senators present to enable the world's greatest deliberative body to function.

Some senators, among them those of South Carolina, and McMaster, of South Dakota, came in early in evening clothes, and the situation was so much to their liking that they decided to stick it out.

But, as the morning hours rolled around they realized that their dress would be a little out of place, so they made hasty trips home to change to sack suits.

While senators lounged around their seats, or in the cloak rooms and the marble room, the senators from Arizona, Cameron and Ashurst, spelled each other during the filibuster. Toward midnight many silently departed for their homes and a quorum call just before midnight showed only 36 of the 95 senators present.

Then began the first of a series of futile efforts for a recess. Finally David S. Barry, the sergeant-at-arms, was directed to bring in the absentees, and while the rush calls were going over the wire the Senate sat idly by.

Hayes Backed For Judgeship. North Wilkesboro, Feb. 22.—Friends of National Committeeman Johnson J. Hayes in this section are delighted with the bright prospects for his appointment as judge of the middle federal district in North Carolina.

Mr. Hayes is given a good senoff in the race for the judgeship, because Wilkes county, it is stated here, is standing solidly behind him. It is also stated that the organization of the seventh congressional district is backing him up to a man.

The Wilkes county bar association met last night and endorsed Mr. Hayes for judge. If he is elected, Mr. Hayes' many friends are confident that no man more worthy nor more competent to wear it can be found within the state.

Pine Tree Seedlings Available. (By International News Service.) Raleigh, N. C., Feb. 23.—Fifty thousand pine tree seedlings are on hand at the Department of Conservation and Development for distribution to the farmers of North Carolina. F. H. Claridge, assistant state forester in charge of the nursery, announced today.

The seedlings, it was announced, will be furnished at a charge considerably below the cost of production in an effort to encourage farmers to replant cut-over areas that have no prospects of new growth.

February and a part of March is the best planting season in a large part of the State, Claridge said. It will be too late, he declared, to plant the seedlings in the East later than March 15. They should be planted about April 15 in the Piedmont and around May 1 in the mountains, he said.

Embattled Farmers Not Yet Heard From. Charlotte, Feb. 19.—Miss Carrie McLean, representative of Mecklenburg county in the General Assembly, stated tonight that she will introduce into the lower House Monday a bill to make the city limits of Charlotte and the boundaries of Mecklenburg county the same.

The ambitious scheme would make Charlotte the biggest city in the State, of course, but the embattled farmers have not yet been heard from regarding the plan.

EVOLUTION BILL IS DEAD, PROPONENTS GIVING UP BATTLE

Zeb V. Turlington in Written Statement Says Advocates Will Let the Matter Drop.

BILL NEVER GOT TO THE HOUSE

Was Killed by Committee Report.—Few Important Matters Up During the Day.

Raleigh, Feb. 23.—(P)—The uneventful formal step of withdrawal of the North Carolina Bible League's anti-evolution bill was taken today in a public statement by its leading proponent.

A similar bill was killed by one vote in the House in the 1925 session, but only after a hot fight. No intense battle preceded this year's defeat.

The bill had been killed in the House education committee, 25 to 11. It had gone through the formality of placing a committee report on the calendar.

Today Representative Turlington of Iredell county, proponent of the bill, reported in a written statement that "advocates of this bill after careful consideration, have decided they will not press for this legislation."

He said in his 150-word statement that more than 15,000 of the citizens of the state had petitioned the Assembly for its passage "for the good of the state-owned schools" and maintained that the present system of teaching of the question of evolution was "tyrannical." Word of the conceded defeat drew no surprise and created no comment here.

The bill had never been before the House proper for consideration. The sole outstanding final passage of the day was the giving to the Federal government of a right of way to complete the Southeastern Inland Waterway from Norfolk, Va., to Wilmington, N. C., in a measure appropriating \$75,000 in the interest of extending the waterway from Beaufort, N. C., to Wilmington.

Passage was unanimous in the Senate, following the similar action in the House. The House, before it began consideration of the Australian ballot bill on the question of its initial passage to the Senate, sent to the senate the Sharp anti-loan shark bill, designed to prevent usurious interest on loans to wheat farmers in the West.

The Senate deferred action on the Confederate pension bill until Thursday as a special order, after spirited oratory in behalf of the veterans. The Senate increased to \$1,500,000 the total annual fund of \$1,200,000 which the appropriations bill had provided when it adopted the minority report of the Pension committee.

Senate Approves "Unmasking" Bill. Raleigh, Feb. 23.—(P)—In less than sixty seconds, the senate today passed and sent to the house the "unmasking bill," introduced yesterday by Senator Rivers Johnson. The measure's title was read, the question was put on second reading, and passed, the rules were suspended, and it was read the third time and passed, and the House sent to the house by special messenger. The vote was unanimous. There was no discussion of the measure.

Alabama Claims Interest in Muscle Shoals. Washington, Feb. 23.—(P)—Speaker Longworth today made public a letter from Governor Graves of Alabama, declaring that Alabama proposed to "claim and assert" its interest in the dam at Muscle Shoals, and ownership of the bed, shores and water of that part of the Tennessee River within its boundaries.

Washington died at the beginning of the last hour of the day, of the last day of the week, of the last month of the year, of the last year of the century.

Donald Gillis, Editor of Asheville Citizen, Dead. Well Known Newspaper Man Victim of Asthma.—Funeral Services Tomorrow. Asheville, Feb. 23.—(P)—Donald Gillis, editor of the Asheville Citizen, died suddenly early today. Mr. Gillis, who was 57 years old, had been for many years a sufferer from asthma. During the last few days a cold made his suffering particularly intense, and collapse of his heart caused death, it was said.

Mr. Gillis served as chairman of the board which for many years operated the Paek Memorial Library as a private institution, and had held the same office since the library was taken over by the city nine years ago.

Mr. Gillis had been an Asheville newspaper man intermittently for many years. He was a bachelor, and lived with his sister.

Funeral services will be held here tomorrow afternoon.

Rosewood is not the wood of any kind of rose tree. It is obtained chiefly from certain kinds of Brazilian trees. The name is due to a faint smell of roses when the wood is freshly cut.

Stole Money He Gave Wife, Goes to Jail. Charlotte, Feb. 22.—Mack Caldwell, Mecklenburg man, went to jail here today on charge of stealing eight dollars from his wife after he had given it to her. He was heard by a magistrate and bound to appear in court.

Matinee Ladies. The Tribune will, in a few days, begin publication of a new serial story entitled "Matinee Ladies." This is a splendid story and we are sure will please our readers.

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The Tribune Bureau Sir Walter Hotel. By J. C. BASKERVILL. Raleigh, Feb. 23.—The crying need for reform in county government in the majority of the counties of the state, and the simplicity of the remedy now having been clearly demonstrated before the two senate judiciary committees by Dr. E. C. Brooks, chairman of the county government commission, a favorable report on the three county government reform bills is expected momentarily.

Before taking up the bills and analyzing them individually, Dr. Brooks told the members of the committee something of the history of the commission, and that it had been appointed primarily at the request of the State association of county commissioners, with the urgent plea that "something be done" to put the county governmental machinery on a better footing.

Thus the present commission was appointed by Governor McLean, and after an exhaustive study of the question. And as a result of its labors, the commission in its report submitted last summer, pointed out seven things which are essential if a county is to be properly and economically governed, and which are as follows:

First—Unity in the fiscal management and in the official family of a county must be maintained.

Second—The taxables of a county must be preserved.

Third—Revenue must be collected fairly and justly.

Fourth—The revenue must be properly safeguarded through proper accounting.

Fifth—Expenditures must be safeguarded through budget control and a central purchasing agent.

Sixth—The physical property of the county must be protected.

Seventh—The administration of justice must be properly provided for.

"Of first importance, of course," said Dr. Brooks, "is the necessity for maintaining unity in the fiscal management of the county, so that it is possible to know at all times what the expenses of the county are, what the revenue amount to, what the amount of indebtedness is, how much is outstanding in bonds, and so forth. Yet I am confident in saying that not more than 25 per cent. of the counties of the state know these facts.

"Then there is the greatest necessity for keeping track of the taxables of a county. Yet this is neglected in dozens of counties. I know counties where at least 100,000 acres of valuable land is lost from the tax books, and the amount of taxes collected is a small fraction of what it should be.

"I know of counties where men worth \$200,000 upward have paid no taxes for years, because they have found it cheaper to buy in their land at sheriff's sales than pay taxes. All of this is unjust to the other counties and to the taxpayers who do pay their taxes. Until some method is found to keep track of every acre of taxable property in every county, it will continue.

"Thus the office of a tax assessor whose sole business it is to look after the taxables of the county and to see that it is all taxed, is necessary—and these bills provide for such an officer. He may be the sheriff, if the sheriff has time to do this as well as look after his other duties, or it may be a separate officer.

"There is of equal importance with keeping track of property and listing it for taxation is an officer whose job may establish state forests in the East.

Timber Will Pay School Costs Eventually, Says Author Of Forest Bill. Tribune Bureau Sir Walter Hotel. Raleigh, Feb. 23.—Prospects for the establishment of large state forests in Eastern Carolina loom up with the introduction of a bill in the General Assembly by Senator E. S. Askew of Mary Hill, authorizing the Department of Conservation and Development to make a survey of the forest lands of that section of the state with this idea in view.

Beliefs that these forest areas under skilled forestry practice will in the future provide enough revenue to support the public schools of North Carolina, expressed by the introducer of the bill.

Under the terms of the bill the department is directed to study the forest problems of Eastern North Carolina, to make surveys and to take options if possible without expense, on areas of forest lands found to be suitable for demonstration forests, it is also provided that the areas to be selected shall lie preferably on or near the sounds, rivers, or lakes of the region, and "that they shall be in large blocks, stocked as far as possible, with young growth and suitable for economic timber production.

"Such lands should represent as many of the best types of the region as it is practicable to include and where possible should also be suitable for game refuges, recreation grounds, and wild life preserves." The completed report of the department would be referred to the next regular session of the General Assembly.

To aid in carrying out the work, the Department of Conservation and Development would be authorized to obtain the cooperation of the Federal Government, the North Carolina Department of Agriculture, and the forestry classes at State College and the University of North Carolina.

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Rudner's Fate Now With Jury. Canton, O., Feb. 23.—(P)—The fate of Ben Rudner, indicted for the murder of Don R. Mellett, Canton editor, was placed in the hands of the jury at 10:35 a. m. today.

FANG CONCENTRATES ON SHANGHAI, FOR OTHER POWER GONE

Once Overlord of Five Rich Provinces Now Has Only Shanghai Left.—Prepares to Defend City.

PEOPLE AWAITING NEW WAR MOVE

City on Edge as Result of Bombardment From the Gunboat—Shells Caused Little Damage.

Shanghai, Feb. 23.—(P)—Marshal Sun Shau Fang, once overlord of five of the richest provinces in China, today, surrendered the capital of his last remaining fief to an erstwhile enemy in a desperate effort to prevent Shanghai and important surrounding territory from falling into the hands of his mortal foes, the Cantonese.

Meanwhile the international city remained on edge as the result of being bombarded yesterday by a Chinese gunboat in the Yangtze River here, which deserted Marshal Sun's cause, and attempted to shell his arsenal by firing over the metropolis. The guns were defective and the shells fell short, five landing in the French concession and five in the Chinese section, killing two natives and damaging two American residences.

Instantly the French forces were aroused. Two French gunboats trained their guns on two other Chinese war craft which were nearby, and which also were reported to have turned against Marshal Sun in favor of the Cantonese. The other two Chinese craft did not open fire, however, and a clash was averted.

The series of events in and around Shanghai recently including the capture of Hangchow south of here by the Cantonese, the general strike of workmen in Shanghai, and the bombardment incident, all woven into the Cantonese plan to capture this city, has caused Marshal Sun's power to crumble.

General Chang Tsung Chang, military Governor of Shantung province, nominally Sun's ally, but once his enemy, entered Nanking this morning and assumed control of the city preparatory to sending 30,000 northern troops to the defense of Shanghai.

With Our Advertisers. Family Day in the Concord Theatre today. Admission 10c to all. The feature picture is "Belle of Broadway" starring Betty Compton.

Frigidate prices are lower by every comparison. See ad of Standard Buick Co.

Now is the best time to begin your farming. Read the ad of Ritchie Brothers Co. about the McCormick Deering tractor.

Don't miss the Carolina Playmakers in three original Carolina folk-plays, at the Concord High School on the evening of February 28th.

On Thursday and Friday of this week Lillian Gish will be seen at the Concord Theatre in "The Scarlet Letter." This is one of the best pictures ever shown. On Friday night there will be vaudeville also.

The Citizens Bank and Trust Company offers to old and new depositors the resources of its experience, with individual co-operation in financial problems.

The ad. of the Forest Hill Cleaning Co. contains a coupon good for 25 per cent reduction on dyeing and cleaning sent them until February 28.

The York & Wadsworth Co. has an ad. today that will interest car owners. Look it up.

Dad's Puzzler, is a bird. Few solve it. Get one at Cline's Pharmacy.

See the list of six latest novels in the ad. of Kidd-Fix Co. Today.

The York & Wadsworth Co. sells Myers deep and shallow well pumps. Also spray pumps, barrel or hand. New spring millinery charming styles at the J. C. Penney Co. Prices are \$1.98 to \$9.00.

There is distinction in wearing Fisher's clothes. See the new things for spring. Read ad. today.

Values unsurpassed in ladies' genuine full fashion silk hosiery at the Parks-Bell Co. See prices in ad. today.

Klanman Swears Out Warrant for Editor. Birmingham, Ala., Feb. 23.—(P)—A warrant charging criminal libel was sworn out in Jefferson county court of misdemeanors today by James Eastdale, Grand Dragon of the realm of Alabama, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, against Frederick I. Thompson, publisher of the Birmingham Age-Herald; C. M. Stanley, associate editor, and H. W. Kinsey, city editor, following a published statement in today's issue of the paper which quoted Eastdale as "condemning masked whip-pings" in an address last Thursday night.

Arrest of Senators Is Ordered For Quorum. Washington, Feb. 23.—After attempts to round up a quorum at a protracted night session had failed, the senate early today ordered its sergeant at arms to arrest absent members and bring them to the capitol.

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Beautiful NOTHING DEFINITE CONCERNING KLAN'S AVAILABILITY NOW

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MANY CHARTERS BEING RETAINED

The Resignation of Judge Grady as Grand Dragon in State, Started Various Rumors.

Raleigh, Feb. 23.—(P)—Nothing authentic further than the resignation of Judge Henry A. Grady as Grand Dragon for North Carolina for the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, announced by him personally, was heard public today, as local Klans continued to vote for and against surrendering their charters.

Alleged dissolution reports were discounted more or less over the state. The Raleigh Klan No. 1 was reported to have formally voted last night to surrender its charter. A dispatch from Wilmington said the high there surrendered its charter the night before.

T. D. Grimes, head of Asheville Klan No. 40 said that Judge Grady's resignation meant that the Asheville Klan would get a new charter, a dispatch said. Craven county chapter officials denied any reported dissolution of the Klan, while Fayetteville's organization was reported to have taken no action. The Greensboro Klan was reported by L. J. Lation Barr, the secretary, to be remaining with the national body, and to have added that report of any disaffection were exaggerated.

Winston-Salem officials said that no discussion as to surrendering its charter had been started, that unauthorized reports of the resignation of the Greensboro Klan in a resolution last night pledged continued support to Imperial Wizard Evans, with whose legislative program Judge Grady differed, a report stated.

From the office of the exalted cyclops of the Charlotte Klan came word that the resignation of Judge Grady would have "no effect whatsoever on the activities of the Klan in Charlotte and in other parts of the State."

The proposed commission would make a sweeping study of the taxation problem, examining the systems of the State, counties, cities and towns. It also would study the systems in effect in other states.

The commission would make a report to the legislature on its findings. The commission is composed of nine members and would be provided with \$25,000 for expenses.

No confirmation from Governor McLean that he is considering the calling of a special session has been given. Advocates of the eight-month school term are understood to be backing the movement, among others.

Haywood Would Tax Ministers. Raleigh, Feb. 22.—(P)—Rev. Oscar Haywood told the House tonight he thought it was time to tax itinerant ministers.

The Montgomery County lawmaker proposed a \$25 annual income tax on such evangelists coming from out of the State and making as much as \$250 weekly.

The House applauded his suggestion and then voted it down after Representative Ward, Duplin County, said the State couldn't afford to get the name of taxing minister of the Gospel.

Reed's Hat In Ring. Jefferson City, Mo., Feb. 22.—The candidacy of United States Senator James A. Reed for the democratic nomination for President was launched here tonight at a banquet given by nearly 600 supporters in Missouri. Senator Reed did not attend.

Senator T. H. Caraway, scheduled as the principal speaker, telegraphed that illness prevented his presence.

Duke to Pay Tribute to Former Board Head. Durham, Feb. 22.—The trustees of Duke University will meet Wednesday and take part in a memorial service for Joseph G. Brown, former president of the board, to be held in Craven Memorial Hall. The entire university community will pay tribute to the memory of Mr. Brown.

WEATHER FORECAST. Cloudy, probably rain tonight and Thursday; not much change in temperature. Gentle variable winds.



Winnie Comans, of Capetown, was selected as the most beautiful girl in all of British South Africa.

STATE-WIDE TAX FOR SCHOOLS POSSIBLE NOW

Joint Committees of Legislature Seem To Favor This Plan of Financing Schools.

Raleigh, Feb. 23.—(P)—A state-wide tax for school purposes looms as a likely possibility as the result of the vote of the joint committee on education, and the continuation of the present equalization fund system, but with a larger fund, as a result of a vote taken by the joint committee, when the committee stood 34 to 10 in favor of these two systems of school support.

Although the committee was called in joint session to discuss the various state-wide school measures that have been offered so far—about a dozen in all—virtually the entire session was consumed in argument and wrangling, and no particular bill was decided upon, neither was any definite decision made as to the preparation of a composite committee substitute bill.

However, it seems reasonable that the committee will give serious thought to a bill somewhat along the line of the one introduced by Representative Francis D. Winston of Bertie, which provides for a state wide property tax of not exceeding 35 cents per \$100 valuation, to be collected and expended in the counties where levied, with state aid in the form of an equalization fund of \$4,000,000. This is in line with the recommendations of the State Educational Commission report.

Other bills have been offered providing for a state-wide school tax on property, with a uniform rate on all counties, the fund to be apportioned to the counties by the state department of education on the basis of school population in each county. However, this form of tax has gained but few friends, and the state Department of Education, as well as the State Educational Commission, are opposed to it.

Dr. J. Y. Joyner, executive secretary of the Educational Commission, said that the commission recommended that joint county-state system for supporting schools, rather than the all-state-support system, because under the all-state-support system, counties would be inclined to increase their expenditures unnecessarily, or at least more so than if the counties themselves were furnishing most of the funds. He did recommend, however, a state-wide tax to be collected and expended in the counties, and a larger equalization fund.

Sedberry Prohibition Bill Killed by House Committee. Raleigh, Feb. 22.—Women, preachers and other pressure were enough to beat Senator Sedberry's bill before the house committee this afternoon when the Richmond man's measure came over.

It had the furious opposition of the Anti-Saloon league, which regarded the bill a let down to prohibition enforcement in that it makes condonation of automobiles carrying whisky very much more difficult. Under the old law a pint of booze found in the car made it subject to seizure. Under the Sedberry bill conviction of the offense of transportation must be precedent to taking the car.

This bill was beaten seven to five this afternoon in the house committee. It was argued that the bootleggers would have a glory hallelujah meeting if the bill passed.

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The arrest of absentees senators was last reported to on February 8, 1915, during a filibuster against the bill proposing creation of a shipping board to operate a merchant marine.