

EVANS SAYS GRADY WAS TOLD TO QUIT OFFICE WITH KLAN

Innerly Wizard of Klan Says He Told Judge to Resign for the Good of the Organization.

SOLONS' ACTION PLEASES EVANS

Is Delighted That Legislature Refused to Pass a Bill Making Wearing of Masks Unlawful.

Washington, Mar. 5.—(AP)—Judge Henry A. Grady, who recently announced his retirement as grand dragon of Ku Klux Klan in North Carolina was said today by Dr. Hiram W. Evans imperial wizard of the Klan, to have stepped out at the Imperial Wizard's request and for the good of the organization.

"The Klan, a secret fraternal patriotic organization, saw fit to change its state representative in North Carolina," said Dr. Evans "and when in my judgment I deemed it necessary for the good of the organization I asked for the resignation of Judge Grady as Grand Dragon of North Carolina.

"All of the incidents that have transpired in which the public is interested follow in this severance of Judge Grady from his official position."

Dr. Evans expressed his satisfaction in the tabling yesterday of the Legislature.

"It is indeed gratifying to me that the Legislature of North Carolina when all of the facts were before it, killed the proposed bill," he said.

Says Klan Headquarters Moved. Raleigh, March 5.—(AP)—The Raleigh Times today says that the headquarters of the N. C. realm of the Ku Klux Klan has been moved from Raleigh to Charlotte.

THE COTTON MARKET

After Further Decline at Opening, Market Attracted Buying and Prices Rallied.

New York, March 5.—(AP)—A further opening of the cotton market today attracted considerable buying and prices rallied on covering for over the week-end.

Initial selling was promoted by relatively easy Liverpool cables and reports of better weather in the South, but offerings were not heavy after liquidation of the last two days and appeared to be readily absorbed.

After a lull off to 14 1/2, it rallied to 14.27 which October advanced from 14.53 to 14.58, the general market showing net gains of some 3 or 4 points by the end of the first hour.

Toward the close, however, there were some recessions from the highest.

Cotton futures opened steady, March 14.15; May 14.20; July 14.40; Oct. 14.53; Dec. 14.70.

Futures closed steady: March 14.10; May 14.23; July 14.40; Oct. 14.53; Dec. 14.67.

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ACCUSE BARNHARDT OF BEING UNUSUAL WEATHER PROPHET

Colleagues of George F. Barnhardt, popular rural mail carrier here, accuse him of having unusual ability as a weather prophet.

Back in the middle of February Mr. Barnhardt arranged to take a vacation March first. He started his vacation Tuesday and when they awoke Wednesday and found fifteen inches of snow on the ground.

"Just luck," Mr. Barnhardt said, denying any ability as a weather seer.

KU KLUX KLAN IS FREE TO WEAR MASKS

The Johnson-Haywood Bill Falls of Enactment in the House.

Tribune Bureau Sir Walter Hotel. Raleigh, Mar. 5.—(AP)—The knights of the invisible empire rallied to the call of the Imperial Wizard Friday afternoon, when the attempt to enact the Johnson-Haywood "unmasking bill" failed in the house, thus leaving the Klan free to wear its masks and nighties unbridled as far as the law is concerned.

The bill had previously passed the house, as amended to exclude the Royal Order for Moose and Labor organizations, by a big majority.

But it later developed that these amendments might make the bill unconstitutional. So it was decided to take the bill up again and reconsider the amendments, in an effort to remove them.

Finally, after a morning session of long-winded and sometimes scintillating discussion, the bill was called off by Representative Nartin of Davidson, after a motion had been made. But not put, that the house recessed for lunch.

The bill was recalled, the amendments reconsidered, when debate broke loose on the bill again, with Representative Bullard of Cumberland fighting for the loyal order of Moose.

The house became restive, Representative Price of Mecklenburg insisted that his motion to recess be put, and the bill was left dangling in debate.

Later in the afternoon, when the bill again was taken up, the Klan had evidently been at work strengthening its fences and after more debate than it has ever afforded, the bill was eventually buried.

Charlotte Bowl Will Be Sold at Auction, Bond Holders Decide. Charlotte, March 4.—The Charlotte Speedway, where automobile races under auspices of the American Automobile Association have been held for several years, will be auctioned off to the highest bidder.

This announcement was made today by Claude A. Cochran, attorney for the bondholders of the bankrupt organization, following a meeting by the bondholders. The date was not announced.

The value of the bowl and tract, which cost approximately \$400,000, has been appraised since the bankruptcy proceedings were filed at \$22,500. The speedway was caught in a snarl of financial difficulties as a result of low attendance at the races. At the last race on November 11 only 7,000 were present.

Pair of Steel Pliers Free. To the first two hundred farmers registering at the Church street store of the York & Wadsworth Co. Oliver Day, Tuesday, March 8th, will be given absolutely free, one pair of steel pliers, value 75c; or one adjustable steel wrench, value 65c. These are to farmers only. Also, free lunch to all farmers and their families at noon.

The White House, the official residence of the President, was the first public building erected in Washington.

THE STOCK MARKET

Reported by Fenner & Beane. Market closed today at the following figures:

Acheson	168
American Tobacco B	121
American Locomotive	112 1/2
Atlantic Coast Line	187
Allied Chemical	139 3/4
Baldwin Locomotive	128
Baltimore & Ohio	112 3/4
Chesapeake & Ohio	150
DuPont	190 3/4
Prisco	111 1/2
General Motors	106 1/2
General Electric	85
Hudson	68 3/4
Standard Oil of N. J.	38
Kennecott Copper	62 3/4
Coca-Cola	102 3/4
Liggett & Myers B	92 3/4
Mack Truck	104 1/2
Maryland Oil	54 3/4
Pan American Pet. B	62 3/4
Rock Island	80 3/4
H. J. Reynolds	107 3/4
Southern Railway	123 3/4
Studebaker	51
Stewart & Warner	61 1/4
Texas Co.	50 3/4
Tobacco Products	107
U. S. Steel	157 1/4
Westinghouse	72 3/4
Woolworth	124 1/4
American Tel. & Tel.	150 3/4
American Can	48 3/4
Allis Chalmers	91 3/4
Great Northern	106 3/4
Gulf States Steel	60 3/4
Lorillard	20 3/4
Montgomery-Ward	64 3/4
Norfolk & Western	36 3/4
Overland	28 3/4
Republic Iron & Steel	72
Vick Chemical	54 3/4

600 FEET OF HOSE USED BY 4 THIEVES TO SECURE WHISKEY

The Liquor Was Siphoned From Warehouse to an Apartment Building, It Is Charged.

FOUR MEN ARE UNDER ARREST

Police and Federal Agents Say Thousands of Dollars Worth of the Liquor Was Seized.

Chicago, March 5.—(AP)—More than 600 feet of hose was used by thieves in siphoning whiskey from a government warehouse to an apartment building, it was revealed today when police and Federal agents had captured four men in a spectacular pistol fight and recovered thousands of dollars worth of liquor.

The four were: William "Klondike" O'Donnell, who was held for a time in connection with the slaying of assistant state's attorney McGivigan last year; William "Fur" Sammons, known to police as a gangland power; John Barry and John Davis.

A fifth man was pursued over the roof of the warehouse but he escaped amid pistol fire by dropping down a wall of the building which houses pre-war liquor valued at \$1,000,000.

O'Donnell and Barry were found manning two high pressure pumps, from which the raiders trailed the long stretch of hose to a battery of tanks in the apartment building. The tanks already had received whiskey which Federal agents estimate was worth \$200,000.

More than 50 detectives and Federal men took part in the roundup of the liquor thieves, after they had received a tip that the government warehouse operated by the Morand Brothers was to be raided.

The men at the pumps were taken after a brief struggle when the officers who had laid in wait for hours popped out of hiding places and surrounded the pair. Sammons and Davis, posted on the roof, were captured after they had emptied their guns.

DECISION OF REED

Think Committee Should Go Forward With Campaign Expenditure Inquiry.

Washington, March 5.—(AP)—Democratic senators in caucus today unanimously approved the decision of the Reed campaign investigating committee to go forward with its inquiry in any state it chose.

The Reed committee has already held one session since Congress adjourned, and by unanimous vote ordered the impounding of ballots cast in four additional counties in Pennsylvania.

Senator Reed, democrat of Missouri, chairman of the committee, contends that it has full authority to act in the Pennsylvania election contest, under a resolution adopted last January, and tentative plans have been agreed upon to hold another meeting here March 25th when the question of opening the ballot boxes already brought from Pittsburgh may be decided.

PEPPER OUT OF POLITICS.

Retiring Senator Wants No Federal Job, Elective or Appointive.

Philadelphia, March 5.—George Wharton Pepper, who retired from the United States Senate Friday after five strenuous years, says he is through with public office, according to the Philadelphia Evening Bulletin.

"I shall always be interested in politics as a citizen, but I shall never again hold a Federal position, elective or appointive," he is quoted as saying. Senator Pepper is completing the unexpired term of the late Boies Penrose, having been appointed and then elected to the vacancy.

Senator Pepper said he was of the opinion President Coolidge would be re-nominated and re-elected.

New Sampson on the Stage. London, March 5.—London is marveling at the feats of strength performed by Carl Gornor, a recent arrival from South Africa, who is declared to be the most powerful man that the world has seen for at least a hundred years. In one of his favorite stunts Gornor stands upright with a heavy gangway laid across his shoulders. A load of two and a half tons, consisting of an automobile with seven passengers, then passes along the gangway. The car, with its occupants, passes right over Gornor's head—a feat which has never before been performed by any strong man. Another spectacular effort is supporting an entire "merry-go-round" on his back; this contains eight full grown men.

Big Highway System to Connect 48 States. Charlotte, N. C., Mar. 5.—Establishment of a gigantic system of highways, connecting the capitals of the 48 states, will be advocated at the forthcoming meeting of the Bankhead National Highway Association and the United States Good Roads Association.

Bill, Jr., III



William S. Hart, Jr., four, the son of "Bill" Hart, two-time man of the movies, and his recently divorced wife, Winifred Westover Hart, was ill with pneumonia in Los Angeles. (International Newsweek)

APPROPRIATION BILL IS AT LAST A LAW

Was Approved by the Senate With No Material Changes.

Tribune Bureau, Sir Walter Hotel. By J. C. BASKERVILLE. Raleigh, March 5.—The permanent improvements appropriation bill, after having been approved by the senate, today became law.

The bill, which provides for material changes having been made while the general maintenance appropriations bill, passed on third reading in the senate last night, is back in the house today for conference, as is also the revenue bill.

There was a weak attempt made in the senate to reduce the appropriation for the State College for Negroes in Durham when the bill came up for second reading Friday in the senate, but no headway was made and the bill was approved as it stood by a vote of 41 to 2. This now leaves the appropriations for the University \$1,220,000 with \$625,000 to be expended on the library. The amount awarded State College remains unchanged—\$550,000—with the provision that a home for the president is to be built upon the campus.

The maintenance appropriation bill, however, did not pursue such an even way through the senate, and he changes made in it by that body may cause some delay of the measure in the house, where it now is for conference. The appropriation of \$2,000 a year awarded by the bill to the Eiland school for wayward negro girls came in for a broadside in the senate, but when Senator Hines of Guilford, explained that the state was now giving aid to schools for wayward white boys and girls, and for negro boys, but that no provision was being done for negro girls, the item was allowed to remain, especially when he stated that this item was inserted at the request of Governor McLean.

The biggest increase made in the bill was a flat in increase of \$25,000 a year for the state hospitals. The fight for this increase was led by Senator Maguire of Surry, a member of the committee that inspected the state hospitals, and he insisted that the State's first duty was to the state's unfortunate and that they should be better provided for. This increase of \$25,000 a year for the two institutions makes a total increase of \$100,000 for the biennium.

A number of other minor increases were also added by the senate, among these being an increase of \$300 for each year of the biennium for the Department of Charities and Public Welfare, such to the rejection of Mrs. Kate Burr Johnson, the head of this bureau. But whether the bill will permit this to remain is doubtful. Among the miscellaneous appropriations, the item for the Appalachian National Park was increased from \$150,000 to \$175,000, the increase being necessary by the passage of the National Park bond issue bill. The cost of administering the act will come from this fund.

The lump sum of \$2,500,000 for Confederate pensions for the two years, was left undisturbed, as was the \$3,250,000 equalization fund for education.

When the appropriation for the state Department of Public Instruction was under discussion, an attempt was made by Senator Woltz of Gaston to have the amount increased approximately \$21,000, to the figure originally asked by the budget commission. But when it was explained that this had been struck out by both the joint committees and the house, the increase proposed in the amendment failed, and the section was adopted as it stood.

Of the three bills, the revenue bill probably contains more changes than the maintenance appropriation bill, since the tax on manufacturers of tobacco, on a production basis, as has been eliminated, and the railroad franchise tax has been reduced from one fourth to one-fifth of one percent. The corporation income tax has been increased from four to four and one-half per cent, and there is some talk that this may be increased still further in the house.

How long it will take the house and senate to agree on the changes that have been made still remains a problem.

EVERY ONE SHOULD REDUCE HIS TALK, SAYS GEO. F. BAKER

George F. Baker came to Wall Street from Albany at the age of twenty-two and for sixty years thereafter build up the reputation for being the most silent man in "the Street." Even his benefactions, reputed to total about \$15,000,000, were executed with a silence that almost amounted to sequestration. He took up golf and tobacco at seventy. When he broke silence and gave an interview at eighty-two, he said:

"Business men should reduce their talk at least two-thirds. There is scarcely ever a reason good enough for anybody to talk; I don't talk because silence is the secret of success."

HAS LOUIS MAZER TOLD ABOUT MELLETT SLAYING?

Confers With Prosecutor But Details of Conference Were Not Disclosed. Canton, O., March 5.—(AP)—Louis Mazer, charged with the murder of Don R. Mellett, Canton editor, was taken into the jury room at the court house today for a secret conference with Prosecutor Henry W. Harter, Jr. The conference lasted an hour and a half, and after it was over the prosecutor said the grand jury would be recalled Tuesday for further consideration of the Mellett case. He refused, however, to say what had transpired while he was locked in the room with Mazer.

The court stenographer was summoned soon after Mazer was taken into the room. Reports that Mazer was "telling all" about the killing gained credence. None of the court officials, however, would talk.

ASSEMBLY WILL NOT FINISH WORK UNTIL LATE MONDAY NIGHT

May Turn Up the Clock So Two Legislative Days May Be Made Into One on Monday.

REVENUE BILL DEMANDS VOTE

The Solons Cannot Adjourn Until Every Bill Passed by Them Has Been Ratified.

Raleigh, March 5.—(AP)—The fast-dying General Assembly delivered itself of two vigorous kicks today as both Houses sat about winding up their affairs.

With pay cut off tonight by constitutional limitation of session to 60 days, members today were preparing to stay over at own expense to see the end, predicted for early Tuesday.

Speaker Fountain in the House has been assured that at least 80 members will stay over which will relieve him of having to exercise his power of arresting members and holding them by force to maintain a quorum.

Calculators in both houses were in condition to be cleared by midnight tonight, but the revenue bill, a roll call measure, is still hanging in the Senate and must be concurred in by the House. If by itself it will keep the Assembly in session until Monday night, when by the simple process of turning up the clock two legislative days may be made into one.

The Assembly cannot adjourn until every bill passed has been ratified. The revenue bill came back from the senate with major amendments. The house immediately set about digesting them.

The tax scale on modern conveniences, cash registers, electric refrigerators and the like halved the \$400 on state distributors if they operated in less than ten counties.

The tax on contracts for privilege of bidding was removed. The levy on bottlers of soft drinks was reduced 40 per cent.

Far dealers taxes were changed to help farmers. The tobacco privilege tax imposed by the house to raise \$100,000 was stricken out.

Chain stores in strings of six or more in the state, got their \$100 tax cut down in the senate to \$50. The senate also chopped off about \$115,000 from the railroad franchise tax.

Exemption from tax was allowed many fire insurance companies. The corporation income taxes were boosted from four per cent, to four and one-half per cent, and personal income exemptions cut on children up to 21 years old, putting the age limit for dependents at 18.

A. H. Graham, of Orange county, house finance chairman, said the appropriations were in the balance under the new schedule. He asserted that the decreases made by the senate would be more than counterbalanced by the raise in corporation income taxes. He estimated that this would bring in between \$300,000 and \$600,000. The house unanimously concurred in the amendments and the bill went to the calendar. It will have to pass two roll call readings on separate days before becoming law.

WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION BILL KILLED

Raleigh, March 5.—(AP)—Without debate the Price workmen's compensation bill was killed by the House today by an overwhelming vote to table. The motion was made by Representative Rideout, of Rowan county, acknowledged labor leader.

MISSING AIRMAN IS FOUND OFF CAPE JUBY

Major Tadeo Larre-Borges and Crew Safe, Reports Says. The seaplane of Major Tadeo Larre-Borges, Uruguayan aviator who has been missing since Wednesday, has been found in the ocean off Cape Juby.

All Safe. Paris, March 5.—(AP)—Havas dispatches say that Major Tadeo Larre-Borges seaplane was found sixty miles from Cape Juby on the west African coast, and that the crew are safe.

NEW CAR ANNOUNCED BY G. M. IS LA SALLE

Alfred P. Sloan Jr., President of the General Motors Corporation, announces this morning the corporation's newest product—the La Salle, a companion car for the Cadillac.

Commenting on the new car Lawrence D. Fisher, President of the Cadillac Company, a General Motors subsidiary, said: "The company has had in course of development for the past four years a new 90 degree V type eight cylinder car, which will make its premier at the Cadillac Spring Salons throughout the United States between March 5 and 12."

Long Flight

Commander Francesco de Pinedo left Sardinia in a hydro plane, planning to fly across the Atlantic to South America around that continent and around the United States.

THE COUNTY FINANCE BILL PASSES HOUSE

Is the First of Three Bills to Reform County Government.

Raleigh, Mar. 5.—Now that the first of the three county government reform bills, has become law, it is regarded as almost a certainty that the other two will be passed by the house with little or no opposition. But it required a genuine fight to get this first bill—the county Finance Act—past its third reading in the house. For nearly an hour the debate waxed warm and at times almost venomous, with Rep. H. G. Connor of Wilson, leading the attack on the bill.

Wilson, Representative W. L. Smith of Wake, came to its defense and with a forceful speech in which he alleged that a powerful lobby of bond buyers was seeking the defeat of the bill, swept it to victory by a vote of 106 to 4.

The purpose of the bill, as has been explained in numbers of articles explaining the three measures, is to safeguard the issuance of bonds and notes by counties, and to prevent the issuance of bond for anything but necessary improvements, without a vote of the people. And even necessary bond issues may be submitted to a vote of 15 per cent of those who vote in the general election.

Some misunderstanding developed early in the discussion of the bill as to whether it would in any way tend to invalidate any bond issues already authorized. So an amendment by Representative Folger of Surry, clarifying the working of the bill so that no bonds already issued would be affected, was speedily adopted and the only one adopted.

The attack upon the bill by Representative Connor was a long one. He contended that those who "bond attorney from a city in the north," referring evidently to Chester B. Massie of New York, the bond attorney for the state of North Carolina, who was consulted in the drafting of the bill, but who did not write it, Mr. Connor hinted that the bill had evidently been "sneakily" worded for the benefit of the various "old buying companies."

But there was not much left of his argument when Representative Willis Smith of Wake, speaking in defense of the bill, started calling spades spades and in so many words just what had been going on behind the scenes in an effort to defeat the bill. In the first place, Smith said, the bill had been designed to do the very things which Connor hinted it might not do—protect the counties in the issuance and sale of bonds, and that it had the endorsement of the best bond attorneys, and was being fought by the bonding houses who made a specialty of buying bonds below par, and then making a big margin on marketing them.

These companies have been flooding the states with letters and telegrams in an attempt to defeat the bill, because they know that if the bill is enacted, and the bond issues advertised in the financial papers as the bill provides, that these county bond issues will sell far above what they have been selling for, Smith declared.

He further stated that a so-called bond attorney named Eyer had been in Raleigh working against the bill. It was known also that Eyer had formerly bought county bonds at big discounts, later selling them at a premium, Smith declared. He had read an extract from a letter which has been sent out all over the state attacking the bill.

"It is to stop this profiteering in county bond issues that this bill is drawn," said Smith, amid a roar of applause.

Smith was backed up by Representative Mark Squires of Caldwell, who said that he was for the bill since it was designed to "stop these bond sharks from dealing with crooked county commissioners, thus beating the counties out of thousands of dollars on their bond issues."

The next county government bill was the measure providing for the setting up of a budget system in various counties for the administration of their fiscal affairs. This act is known as the County Fiscal Control Act and its passage seems assured, as does the act making it optional for any county to set up either the commission or managerial form of county government.

SOUTHERN CHINESE

ADMIRAL HOLDS SHANGHAI AS GOAL

Cantonese Forces Now Are Seeking to Reach Shanghai by Way of the Nanking Railway.

SOOCHOW CENTER OF DRIVE NOW

General Chen Sent From Shanghai to Aid in Defense of Soochow, Strategic Point on Railway.

Shanghai, March 5.—(AP)—The southern Chinese army is attempting to reach Shanghai by way of the Nanking Railway which is the main line of communication of Marshal Chiang Tsung Chang. His Shantung forces replacing the shattered remnants of Marshal Sun have the task of preventing the southerners from encroaching on the pivotal city of Shanghai.

The southerners temporarily are directing most of their attention against Soochow, fifty miles west of Shanghai. Their advance guards are reported twelve miles from that place.

To counter this, the northern leaders rushed General Pi Seichou Chin, youthful Shanghai defense commander, to Soochow last night. They also diverted in that direction the Shantung forces intended for Sunkiang, which lies about fifteen miles south of Soochow.

Marines Give Demonstration. Shanghai, March 5.—(AP)—United States marines today gave Shanghai one of the finest military displays which the many international troop concentrations have furnished.

CYCLONE REPORTED TO HAVE KILLED HUNDREDS

Storm Is Reported to Have Struck East Coast of Madagascar.

Cape Town, South Africa, March 5.—(AP)—A terrific cyclone which struck the east coast of Madagascar island on Thursday, is reported to have taken a toll of 500 lives, say private wireless messages received here today by way of Mauritius. The town of Tamatave is described as devastated.

No Official Report. Paris, March 5.—The French ministry of colonies was still without confirmation early this afternoon of reports reaching Paris by way of London that the town of Tamatave on the east coast of Madagascar had been ravaged by a cyclone. The reports said it was feared there was some loss of life and five vessels are reported to have been sunk.

SAY PROHIBITION IS NOT PARTY ISSUE NOW

Washington, March 5.—(AP)—A declaration that prohibition should not be regarded as a party issue was adopted unanimously today at a caucus of Democratic senators.

In a statement after the caucus Senator Robinson, of Arkansas, party floor leader, outlined the caucus action as follows: "It is recognized that differences exist in the various states on political subjects and that these differences respecting prohibition are not to be regarded as partisan in nature. In the very nature of the question it cannot be made a party issue."

THE STOCK MARKET

Selling Pressure Still in Evidence at Opening of Market Today. New York, March 5.—(AP)—Selling pressure was still in evidence at the opening of today's stock market, with the result that prices moved irregularly. Wilson Company A showed an initial loss of two points, and Pressed Steel Car, General Highway Signal and American Ice sagged a point or so. On the other hand, Houston Oil opened two points higher, at 112, and Commercial Solvents B advanced a point.

100 Southern Farmers to Visit Scandinavia. (By International Newsweek, Service.) Raleigh, N. C., Mar. 5.—Southern farmers, some 1,000 or so of them, will visit Denmark and other Scandinavian countries this summer to study intensive agricultural cultivation there.

The "education tour" will be sponsored by the Calhoun Highway Association, according to plans which have been presented before Major Wide H. Phillips, director of the North Carolina Department of Conservation and Development.

Robinson Again Floor Leader. Washington, March 5.—(AP)—At a democratic caucus today Senator Robinson, of Arkansas, was the unanimously re-elected democratic senate floor leader for the Seventeenth Congress.

Marriage License Issued. Friday by Registrar of Deeds Elliott W. Raymond H. Grass and Miss Joseph Mae Phillips, both of Kannapolis.

WEATHER FORECAST

Fair and warmer tonight. Bunch increasing cloudiness and warmer with light rain in extreme west tonight. Light variable winds becoming more easterly.