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STATE LEGISLATURE MEETS TO-MORROW

Indications Today Point to Dowd or Doughton For Speaker of The House

Though Split May Let Koonce or Some "Unknown" Slip In — Battle, of Wake, Also in the Race—Senator Joe Brown Talked of for President Pro Tem of the Senate—Democrats Will Caucus Tonight—Summary of Some Expected Important Questions That Will be Presented to the Legislature.

(By L. Lewnam.)

Raleigh, N. C., Jan. 3, 1911.—It looks like Doughton or Dowd for Speaker of the House unless these two "West-erners" divide so closely in the caucus tonight that Battle, of Wake, or Koonce, of Onslow, or an "unknown" may be nominated. Brown, of Columbus and Barham, of Wayne, are strongly supported for President pro tem of the Senate, with Pharr, of Mecklenburg, also a favorite. Among the probably certain nominations tonight are W. E. Brock, or R. O. Self for principal clerk of the Senate; Reading Clerk of the Senate, Mark Squires; Sergeant-at-Arms of the Senate R. M. Staley of Wilkes, or Kerr of Caswell; Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms of the Senate, Summerlin, of Wayne; Principal clerk of the House—Cobb, of Burke; Reading Clerk of the House, Arendall, of Wake; doorkeeper of the House, Kilpatrick, of Lenoir.

W. E. Hooks, of Wayne, and J. A. Robinson, of Durham, seem to be running as leaders for engrossing clerk of the Senate. There is much uncertainty as to the other officers and it is impossible to accurately forecast the results. The legislators registering this morning and tonight's caucus will find nearly all the Democrats present.

Raleigh, N. C., Jan. 3.—The biennial session of the General Assembly of North Carolina convenes tomorrow and while the personnel of the new body of lawmakers has been rather backward in coming forward this time, there will be a pretty full attendance of the Senate and House when the legislature is formally called to order at noon Wednesday.

Not until yesterday were there many arrivals. Sunday the city was almost destitute of legislators, and the advance guard of office seekers found only a few "Yarborough House Colonels" and a stray legislator to listen to their more or less meritorious "claims" on the "party."

Some of the wire-pullers that infest every legislature were busy Sunday arranging "states" in the interest of their several friends who are here after jobs—jobs great and small, with the usual sectional distribution of them among the claimants figuring conspicuously and with the adhesiveness that has put the average court plaster to shame.

These jobs will all be disposed of at the party caucus of the two branches of the legislature tonight. Some states are born to be broken and the usual number of the heavy hearted and disappointed will be buying return tickets to their homes on the afternoon trains tomorrow.

Others will as usual linger with the off-delusive hope of landing a smaller piece of pie than that which they claimed as their portion in the first instance. But, alas, disappointment sits upon the doorsteps of Hope and over has and ever will. In this special it may be added that every piece of pie already has a third mortgage upon it at this writing and nothing but God's mercy can save it from the other one. That is, if many of these good fellows persist in "waiting" after the caucus acts tonight and the formal elections to the positions occur tomorrow.

Our old Confederate friends are perennially with us on these occasions and as far as this writer is concerned he hopes they will be as fully or more liberally recognized than heretofore. Every Democratic legislature for many years has not failed these old heroes and none is going to do it while our party controls the machinery of government.

An Important Legislature This.—Not Many Old Hands.

When Lieutenant Governor Newlands looks into the faces of the fifty Senators who will constitute the new Senate tomorrow he will recognize but seven who served in the last Senate. Just one-seventh of the old Senators being returned. In the House the ratio is little if any greater.

But this does not mean that six-sevenths of this General Assembly is composed of "raw material."

Some of the ablest men in both branches, while not serving last session, have been here repeatedly as members of previous legislatures.

Again, there are several "new" Senators who last session served in the House. And vice versa, with relation to a few in the House.

There is Senator Joe Brown of Columbus, for instance. He has not been here for several years. But he is really the "Nester" of the Senate this session. This writer (in reporting the Senate) has served with him so many terms that he is afraid to risk an assertion definitely on the exact number of times Senator Joe Brown has served Columbus in the Senate. He has been missed more than any other man who has served and then absented himself for a season. He is one of the best assets the Old North State has as a legislator.

Nevertheless, the youthful idea is here in all its visionary splendor. The budding "statesman" whom some fool newspaper man has written up and swelled the exaggerated ego of his subject to dangerous proportions, is right on the spot and possibly more than the usual number of worse than dampfool "Bills" will be duly "introduced" and "considered" at the expense of a State treasury which opens the new year with a deficit.

Many of these emanations of the juvenile legislative ego would disgrace the statute books were it not for the watchful care of such men in the Senate and House as Doughton of Allegheny, and in the Senate as Brown and others who some times have to almost bind and gag the colts of the legislative stables.

There will come before this legislature a number of matters of the gravest concern and highest importance to the State.

There are going to be some of the liveliest scraps (inside party lines) that have ever reverberated through these historic halls.

The Democratic party is not a unit on some of these questions, by any means. It is as "unterrified" as ever in its life's history, and will as usual take orders from no "boss," self-appointed or otherwise.

Among the matters that will take up much of the best thought and time of the session are these:

Shall there be a State Primary, at which the candidates of all parties shall be nominated on one certain day?

Shall there be "additional temperance legislation," by which not only the sale of "near beer" shall be prohibited, but the social club feature of handling liquor for an exclusive set be prevented by statute.

Incidentally it may be remarked that Paul Kitchin is this year a Senator and that he is still the Governor's brother.

The Insurance Trust is slated for attention also.

One of the most meritorious propositions of the session will be Senator Cotten's registration of Land Titles Plan.

Some of our brethren are going to measure arms with the advocates of school bonds for higher education. These doctors are going to do each other some real damage in their scrap if a strong and alert referee is not placed on duty—and kept constantly on the job.

Eighty Thousand Dollar New Year's Gift For Richard Parr, Sugar Trust Nemesis.



How would you like to receive a little New Year's gift of \$80,000? That is Uncle Sam's present to Richard Parr, the customs detective who discovered the steel springs in the scales on the American Sugar Refining company's dock in New York, and furnished most of the evidence through which more than \$3,000,000 has been returned to the federal treasury. Parr's share was \$100,000 for the work. He was paid \$20,000 some time ago, but the treasury had no more funds to complete payment. The urgency department bill passed by congress carried an item of \$80,000, and of that \$80,000 will go to Parr.

AFTER FIVE YEARS IN BENCH NOW FULL

Government Now Permitted to Sue for
Back Spanish-American War Tax—
Result of Supreme Court Decision.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 3.—After five years of litigation, the Federal government, by virtue of the United States Supreme Court's decision today became entitled to press suit against the executors of the estate of the late Winfield S. Stratton, a Colorado mining magnate, for nearly \$5,000 for back stamp tax under the Spanish-American war tax measure.

A FEMALE POLICEMAN FOR CITY OF MILWAUKEE

Milwaukee, Wis., Jan. 3.—Milwaukee within a few days will have its first female policeman under the Socialist plan for protecting women workers. The female officer will do duty about the factories.

Stocks Today.

New York, Jan. 3.—Wall Street—Active selling after the opening of the stock market caused a sharp decline in which representative stocks showed up substantial fractions below the final prices of Saturday. The list was strengthened during the second hour but trading was of perfunctory character, and confined to speculative leaders. The opening rate of 6 per cent. for call loans was probably deterrent to a broader market. Bonds were firm. Grains were extended. Inquiry was especially marked for a higher grade of dividend paying railroad stocks. Business gradually contracted as the prices got higher. Although speculation became almost nominal in the afternoon the market maintained strength.

erty escapes proper taxation while other property is borne down with every centime that can be placed on it. But it is no new thing in North Carolina. Let us hope that something along this promised "reform will be actually eventuate this session.

Grand Theatre.
"The Tenderfoot Messenger," very funny. It

BENCH NOW FULL

Last Two Associate Justices of the
United States Supreme Court Took
the Oath of Office Today—Now Five
Members Commissioned by Presi-
dent Taft.

Washington, Jan. 3.—The two vacancies on the United States Supreme court bench were filled today, when Judge Willis Van Deventer, of Wyoming, and Judge Joseph R. Lamar, of Georgia, each took the oath of office as Associate Justice. For the first time in nineteen months the Supreme bench was complete. For the first time since the organization of the court nearly a century and a quarter ago, one President had commissioned, within a single year, five men who sat upon the bench. Chief Justice White administered to each the oath of allegiance.

A NEW YORK VILLAGE SWEEP BY FIRE

Troy, N. Y., Jan. 3.—The business section of Granville, a village of five thousand inhabitants, fifty miles north of this city, was swept by fire today, with a three hundred thousand dollars loss. The absolute failure of the water supply at a critical moment gave the flames full sway. A sudden shift of the wind saved the residential section. There was no loss of life or injury. Altogether ten business blocks, three hotels and seven residences were destroyed.

NO LONGER DOUBT THAT BRITISH STEAMER IS LOST

London, Jan. 3.—The wreckage picked up in the Bay of Biscay leaves no doubt of the fate of the British steamer, Axim, which left London December 9th, for West African ports, with a crew of thirty British and German sailors and four passengers. The vessel was lost in heavy storms.

Grand Theatre.
Be sure and see "John Dough and the Cherub." It

COLD ALMOST HERE

Frigid Weather Will Extend From
Florida North—Both Flood and
Storm Warnings Sent Out.

Washington, Jan. 3.—Cold weather that will extend from the extreme South to the Canadian line is ushering in the New Year. The East and South by tonight will feel the effect of the cold wave that gripped the west. The frigid weather will extend from Central Florida, North in the East, snow and rain will add to the discomfort. In the South, heavy rains has necessitated the issuance of flood warnings to communities along the largest rivers. Storm warnings also have been ordered raised along the Atlantic coast.

GUNBOAT HORNET CAPTURES TOWN IN HONDURAS

New Orleans, La., Jan. 3.—A Puerto Barrios dispatch announces the capture of Truxillo, Honduras, by the revolutionary gunboat Hornet. After the Hornet left New Orleans, she picked up one hundred men, one thousand rifles, two machine guns, and a large quantity of ammunition. The Hornet arrived at Laguna, Lagracios, on December 28th and subsequently captured the Bay Islands.

"CARMACK AMENDMENT" ALLOWED TO STAND

Washington, Jan. 3.—The so-called "Carmack amendment" to the Hepburn rate law, making the initial carrier liable for the loss of interstate shipments during transportation, not only on its lines, but also on those of connecting carriers, was declared constitutional by the United States Supreme Court today. A stubborn fight was made against the amendment as a radical departure in rate legislation.

\$100,000 Fire Today for Newark.
Newark, N. J., Jan. 2.—The Knickerbocker Storage Warehouse, seven stories high, was destroyed by fire today, the loss being \$100,000.

DAY OF BLOOD FOR LONDON POLICE

Murderers Defy and Fight Officers and Soldiers

London's East End the Scene of Terrific Battle, Like a Chapter in a Dime Novel—Murderers Desperately Fight Hundreds of Police and Soldiers—Preferred Death in a Fiery Furnace to Surrendering.

London, Jan. 3.—Battling to a grim end against desperate odds Peter, "The Painter," and "Duch Fritz," a reputed anarchist, went to their death shouting defiance to the laws of England. It is believed four companions perished with them in the flames that consumed their den in Sidney street, near the heart of London. This afternoon only the charred bodies of the two desperadoes, wanted for the assassination of three policemen, two weeks ago, had been recovered. The outlaws were swallowed up in seething flames. Such a battle between law officers and criminals has seldom been waged. The terrorists stood off companies of Scots guards, detachments of armed police, a battery of horse artillery, three machine guns, and a fire brigade, until the house was fired. The authorities sought to get the men alive, but it took them seven hours to get hold of their incinerated bodies. The greatest excitement prevailed. Fifteen hundred policemen were massed about the scene to keep back tens of thousands of spectators. There is some doubt whether the police fired the building. According to one version the assassins put the torch to their improvised fortress when the only alternative was their capture.

Story of the Fight

London, Jan. 3.—The East End was thrown into great excitement today by a pitched battle between several hundred police and a band of suspected men, alleged murderers and friends of murderers of policemen recently killed by anarchistic burglars. The suspects occupied a four story brick building in Sidney street, a narrow thoroughfare. The police surrounded the place, and were met with a volley of shots from within. A rapid exchange of shots followed. Two detectives were shot; one seriously. The police, after locating the men and anticipating trouble, ordered the houses in the immediate vicinity vacated. Before daylight a line of officers was thrown around the square, allowing no one to approach within a hundred yards of the scene of the expected battle. The police lines were drawn so tightly it was believed the inmates had no chance to escape. The police were satisfied the place housed the murderers so long sought. They also were satisfied the murderers were well fortified. Since a recent murder almost the entire force of London police has been hunting the anarchists. The trouble began early, when Detective Legson, while watching the premises was fired upon, and wounded. A cordon of police, armed with revolvers, approached the house and were met with a volley of shots from rapid fire revolvers of most modern pattern. Police Supt. Ottawa took charge of the reinforcements. Police from all stations poured into this district, taking up commanding positions about the refuge of the assassins. Whenever officers approached the house a volley of shots splattered the pavement. A detachment of sixty men of the Scots Guard arrived and were served with ball cartridges. They fired a round into the building. There was a temporary lull. Then the besieged replied. The besieged were armed with magazine rifles, Mausers and Brownings. The excitement in the East End spread throughout the city. Enormous crowds flocked to the scene. Continued volleys from the assassins' refuge necessitated and called out two hundred headquarters' men. Further drafts were made until several hundred officers were on the scene. The situation became so serious that space a half mile from the house was cleared. The soldiers kept a fusillade directed at the windows. The assassins replied vigorously. The authorities started straw fires around the building, hoping to smoke out the murderers. The fire department was called when the flames communicated to the

BANDITS MAKE DARING HOLD-UP

Two Robbers Kill, Rob and Then Escape

Southern Pacific Train Held Up in Sensational Manner—Pullman Cars Entered and Frightened Passengers Made to Shell Out Their Valuables. Porter Killed, and Two Others Wounded—Five Sheriffs Posses After the Bandits.

Ogden, Utah, Jan. 3.—Southern Pacific train No. 1, the Overland Limited, westbound was held up by two masked bandits early this morning at Reese, nine miles west of Ogden. William Davis, a negro porter, was shot and instantly killed. A. W. Taylor, another porter, was mortally wounded. A passenger was slightly wounded. One hundred passengers were relieved of their valuables, but the robbers did not attempt to enter the express car, devoting their entire attention to the Pullmans, where they made a rich haul among the California bound passengers, holding the train for over an hour. The train proceeded westward after the robbers secured all the booty wanted. No passenger escaped the robbers. The trainmen also lost their money and valuables. The authorities sought this morning notified the superintendent's office here of the hold-up. A posse left for the scene in automobiles and a special train. The bandits stopped the train at a watering station by throwing a red light on the signal stand toward the approaching locomotive. As it came to a standstill the bandits covered the engineer and fireman with revolvers, holding them until the conductor ran up to investigate. Then he was placed under guard. One of the robbers held the trainman at pistol point, while the other started through the train. One porter, disregarding his commands, was shot down and killed. The shots aroused the occupants of the cars. When the bandit appeared with an open sack and menacing pistol the passengers contributed hastily. The bandit went through the entire train, stopping at every berth and making a deliberate search. After completing their work the robbers drove away in a vehicle. Five sheriffs posses are now in the field.

The posses of officers, heavily armed, tracked the two bandits to a point four miles beyond the scene of hold-up. They are believed to be headed toward this city. The money loss among the passengers was from two thousand to twenty five hundred dollars.

Norfolk Weather Forecaster Dead.

Norfolk, Va., Jan. 3.—James J. Gray, for sixteen years "Norfolk's" weather forecaster, died today, aged forty-four years.

The fire fighters divided energies between extinguishing the blaze and flooding the outlays by streams of water thrown into the windows. Despite the terrific odds, the trapped men continued a desperate resistance and frequently appeared at the windows, emptying their guns into the crowds. As the afternoon progressed the battle waged more fiercely. Additional companies of Scots guards were ordered out, and took up a position in front. So determined were the criminals that resistance machine guns were called for. The men were placed under orders to bombard the East End fortress should other measures fail to dislodge the defenders. The flames, unquenched, swept through the building, driving the occupants to the top story, and bursting out of the windows. Hard pressed, the terrorists continued a grim fight. At 2 o'clock the whole building was in flames; and the desperadoes were driven to the roof, and from there they fired indiscriminately upon the police and soldiers below. As the fire enveloped the house heavy explosions occurred. They were apparently from ammunition. Shortly after 2 o'clock the roof fell, carrying the anarchists down amid the seething flames. Just before the supports gave way one desperado attempted to dash from the building, shooting in any direction. He met a volley from the soldiers and staggered back into the house, which was then a fiery furnace.