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GENERAL ASSEMBLY IS NOW IN SESSION

North Carolina Legislature Formally Organized And Down to Business

All Officers of the Democratic Caucus Were Elected—Speaker Dowd Made Fine Speech for Harmony and United Action for State's Welfare—Committees Named to Notify Governor That Legislature is Ready to Receive His Message.

(By Llewellyn.)
Raleigh, N. C., Jan. 4.—The formal organization of the two Houses commenced practically all of the first legislative day of the General Assembly. Senators were sworn in by Justice Hoke in blocks of five. In the House, Chief Justice Clark administered the oath of office. Following the swearing in of members the officers chosen by the caucus last night were sworn in. One of the features was the fact that each Senator voted for himself and there was an unanimous election of principal clerk. President pro tem Pharr was placed in nomination by Senator Hartsel, of Cabarrus, in a gem of a speech. When the sergeant-at-arms was presented Senator Boyden, of Rowan, in nominating Stanley paid a glowing and eloquent tribute to the Confederate soldiers. All Senators were present except Kitchin, Lieutenant Governor Newland announced the following committee on rules: McDonald, chairman, Pharr, Hartsel, Reinhardt and Starbuck. The usual committees were appointed to wait on the Governor and report the body ready to receive the message. Senator Starbuck, Republican nominee for President pro tem of the Senate, was nominated by Haymore, of Surry, in a speech portraying Starbuck's admirabilities as a man. At 1:15 o'clock recess was taken.

The House.
In the House of Representatives Hon. W. C. Dowd, of Charlotte, was placed in nomination for Speaker, by Comior, of Winston, in an eloquent speech; Crumpler from Sampson, nominated Ewart. The vote was Dowd 101, Ewart 15. At 1:50 o'clock Speaker Dowd ascended the rostrum and began his address of acceptance. When he stated that although he had prepared an address at length he did not take it as proper that he should direct legislation in such an address. He urged unanimity of the action of the legislators, irrespective of party, when measures affecting the material welfare of the State is concerned.

The House at 2:20 o'clock adjourned until 4 o'clock to complete organization.

SPEEDING CAR A-FIRE.

Train on "L" in New York a Blazing Spectacle.
New York, Jan. 4.—Fire which broke out in the middle of a car of a speeding "L" train furnished an unusual morning spectacle. The car burned like tinder. Thirty passengers fled to the rear of the train in a panic. The firemen were a half hour in extinguishing the blaze. The fire was due to defective insulation.

GOV. DIX'S IDEAS WILL MAKE RADICAL CHANGES

Albany, N. Y., Jan. 4.—The first Democratic Legislature in eighteen years which convened today received recommendations from John A. Dix, the newly Democratic Governor, which will radically change the method of administering the business of the state. The Senate and Assembly met shortly after noon. Gov. Dix's message in both Houses followed formal organization.

Earthquake Today in Russia.

Taskent, Asiatic Russia, Jan. 4.—A violent earthquake was felt at various points of Russian Turkestan at 4 o'clock this morning. Many buildings were destroyed. There were a number of fatalities. The loss of life is not known. Great fissures were opened in the ground. Practically all stores and residences at Vjenny, the capital of Terretory, of Semirjotchensk, were destroyed or damaged. The city has a population of twenty-three thousand. Communication in the disturbed districts is interrupted.

WILL URGE INSPECTION OF CONTEST AIRSHIPS

New York, Jan. 4.—Because of a long series of tragedies in aviation in 1910 the Aero Club, of America, will urge the International Aeronautic Federation, at a meeting in Paris next week, to establish a system of thorough official inspection of all aeroplanes and balloons in contests all over the world.

RALEIGH THIRD TAR HEEL CITY

Returns For Other Towns Announced Today

Asheville Pushed Raleigh Close, While Durham and Winston Secured Fifth and Sixth Places, Respectively—Other Returns Made Public.

Special to The Dispatch.
Washington, D. C., Jan. 4.—The Director of the Census has announced the population of the following cities and towns in the State of North Carolina having a population in excess of 5,000, as shown by an official count of the returns of the thirteenth census:
Asheville, 18,762; Concord City, 8,715; Durham City, 18,241; Elizabeth City, 8,412; Fayetteville, 7,045; Gas ton, 5,789; Goldsboro, 6,197; Greensboro City, 15,895; High Point, 9,525; Kingston, 6,995; New Bern City, 9,961; Raleigh City, 19,218; Rocky Mount, 8,051; Salem, 5,533; Salisbury City, 7,153; Washington, 6,211; Wilson, 6,717; Winston City, 17,167.

Comparative Gains.
Washington, Jan. 4.—The bureau has issued population statistics for the following North Carolina cities: Asheville, 18,762 against 14,694 in 1900; Durham, 18,241 against 16,679; Greensboro, 15,895 against 10,035; Raleigh, 19,218, against 13,643, and Winston 17,167 against 10,000.

ALABAMA'S "LABOR CONTRACT" LAW IS DECLARED INVALID

Washington, D. C., Jan. 4.—The Federal government's fight to have Alabama's "labor contract" law declared unconstitutional was crowned with success, when the United States Supreme Court held the law invalid. The government claimed the law reduced hundreds of negroes to a state akin to peonage.

OVER HALF DRY.

Ontario Rapidly Going Under the Prohibition Rule.
Toronto, Jan. 4.—Revised returns on the local option vote in Ontario, show that twenty-six municipalities were added to the "dry" column. The 316 municipalities are now divided as follows: No license, 436; license, 380.

AMERICAN ARMY PENSIONER HANGED TODAY IN IRELAND

Cork, Ireland, Jan. 4.—William Scanlan, an American army pensioner, was hanged today for alleged murder of his sister-in-law in 1909. Scanlan was convicted on purely circumstantial evidence.

CHILD DRANK THIRD OF PINT.

Whiskey Given for Pneumonia Produced Death.
Chicago, Jan. 4.—Anna O'Hern, three years old, who drank a third of a pint of whiskey Monday, while suffering with pneumonia, died at her parents' home today. The coroner's jury decided that death was due to convulsions produced by the whiskey.

Grand Theatre.

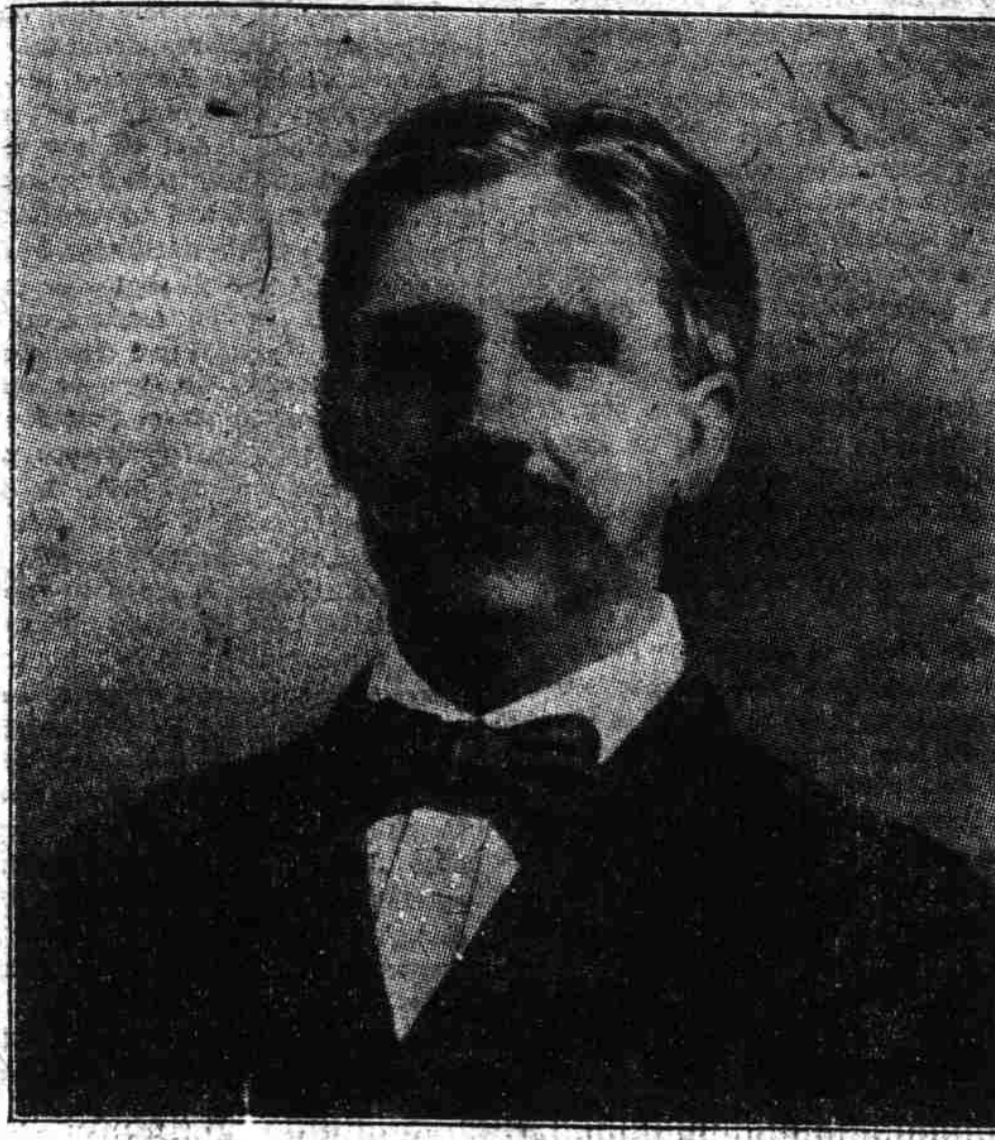
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AMERICAN RUNNER CAPTURES MARATHON IN SCOTLAND

Edinburgh, Scotland, Jan. 4.—Hans Holmer, an American, has won the professional Marathon on the Powder Hill ground in the record time of two hours, thirty-two minutes and twenty-one seconds, defeating twenty-six runners of Continental and British fame.

Grand Theatre.

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LIEUT. GOVERNOR W. S. NEWLAND.

Presiding Officer of the North Carolina Senate, Which Convened This Morning.

THE DAY AFTER

Action Yesterday of London Police Condemned by Newspapers—Affair Seemed Hysterical—Only Two Died in the Fire.

London, Jan. 4.—After a day's reflection the sober thought of London appears to be that the marshalling of a great force of police and military, to destroy the little nest of outlaws, was a mistake. Several Provincial papers criticize the authorities sharply. The Manchester Dispatch says Englishmen have become less patriotic in England and the affair is one the country will be glad to forget. The impression is gaining ground that the policemen should have dealt with the situation without calling upon the soldiers, and that summoning the horse artillery was an unnecessary move. Nothing has developed to establish that more than two men held the tenement against several hundred policemen, two half companies of Scots guards, a detachment of horse artillery, with machine guns, and a gattling gun, and fire brigade, besides tens of thousands who lent their moral support in vociferous cheers. The police believed they had located "Peter, the Painter," and "Fritz" on the top floor of the tenement. Some point out that instead of walking up the stairs, kicking in the door and taking the men, they summoned the Jandlady, then connoitered about the house until they drew the anarchists' fire from the windows. The battle then began ended in the burning alive of the two human beings within sight of many thousands. The circulation of the newspapers this morning was greater than at any previous time since the critical stages of the Boer War. Public concern over rumors of anarchists' plots, hatched in London, appears overshadowed by the discussion of the manner in which the two suspected anarchists were disposed of.

ROBIN CARRIED INTO COURT TO PLEAD

New York, Jan. 4.—Flanked by detectives and court officers, Joseph G. Robin, whose financial operations are alleged to be responsible for the failure of the Northern bank, was brought before Judge Swann today, where he pleaded not guilty to the indictment charging him with the larceny of \$80,000 from the Washington Savings Bank. Robin was brought down from the Bellevue Prison Ward carefully guarded. Judge Swann fixed his bail at \$40,000.

Commodore McCracken Dead.

San Francisco, Jan. 4.—Commodore Alexander McCracken, United States Navy retired, died today, as the result of a nervous break down. He formerly commanded the West Virginia of the Atlantic fleet.

Grand Theatre.

See the great shipwreck scene in "A Light in the Window." It

LAWYER TO PRISON

Pennsylvania Legal Light Skinned His Clients Out of Thousands of Dollars. Convicted and Sentenced to the Penitentiary.

Hollidaysburg, Pa., Jan. 4.—Chambers G. Templeton, of Tryone, Pa., former State Senator, and a prominent attorney, pleaded guilty today to charges of forgery and embezzlement of moneys of his clients. Judge Aldridge sentenced Templeton to pay a fine of six hundred dollars and imprisonment in the Pittsburgh penitentiary for an undetermined period of from three to twelve years. It was alleged that Templeton embezzled seventy-five thousand dollars, which his clients entrusted to him.

GOVERNOR OF MINNESOTA INAUGURATED TODAY

St. Paul, Minn., Jan. 4.—Both houses of the Minnesota legislature met today in joint session to witness the inauguration of Governor Adolph Eberhart and hear his message. Chief Justice Stuart administered the oath. Governor Eberhart is a successful business man. His recommendations were based on business principles.

Stocks Today.

New York, Jan. 4.—Wall Street—Yesterday's advance in the stock market was resumed at the opening. All active issues showed fractional gains. United States Steel over-shadowed the rest of the list throughout the early session, the stock advancing to 74 1/2 on extensive transactions. In some quarters bullish construction was attached to overnight developments in affairs of corporation but elsewhere the strength of the stock was ascribed to belief that its earnings for the fourth quarter last year will likely exceed the recent estimates. Commission houses reported a slight increase of public interest. Money opened easy. The market for bonds was active and broad. Room traders stopped bidding up the market soon after midday. Speculation became quiet. Prices were maintained at about a high level of the forenoon, many issues showing advances of a point or over. The market receded fractionally in the early afternoon on realizing sales. Further improvements were made in some obscure specialties. The strength in this quarter of the market was a feature of the day's dealings.

"JACK, THE SLASHER" IS CUTTING UP CAPERS

New York, Jan. 4.—Detectives are scouring Brooklyn's water front for the mysterious "Jack, the Slasher," who for two months has been causing terror to residents. The man is suffering from homicidal mania. Six of his victims are in a local hospital.

FLORIDA IN COLD'S CLUTCH

Freezing Weather in the "Land of Flowers"

Reports Indicate That Frosts Have Done Much Damage to the Orange Crops—Advices as to the Frigid Weather in Other Parts of the Country.

Washington, Jan. 4.—Florida, "the Land of Flowers and Sunshine," is in frigid weather's grip. Tonight the cold wave will have swept as far south as Miami and the extreme south portion of the mainland. Today the thermometer stood at freezing point at Jacksonville. In the northwestern portion of the State the mercury fell 12 to 14 degrees below. Great damage to the orange crop, it is believed, resulted from the frosts reported from various points in the southwest. Practically throughout the country from the Mississippi Valley eastward, the cold wave rule in past twenty-four hours. Rises in temperature are reported in the immediate New England and Middle Atlantic coasts and west and northwest. Snow and rain were general over a wide stretch of territory and was followed generally by clearing weather.

WOOL GROWERS TO OPPOSE CHANGE IN TARIFF

Portland, Oregon, Jan. 4.—The wool growers are opposed to any change in the wool schedule of the tariff act, according to delegates attending the National Growers' Association. The convention probably will draft resolutions vouching its opposition.

POSTAL SAVING BANKS

Declared to be a Great Success Following Opening Day.

Washington, Jan. 4.—Gratification is expressed by the Postoffice Department officials over the success of the first day's operation of the Postal Savings bank system. Telegrams received by Postmaster General Hitchcock indicated that hundreds of people in forty eight cities where postal depositories were opened availed themselves of the opportunity to deposit their surplus cash. The deposits ranged from one dollar to several hundred dollars.

CAN'T PROVE THAT A CRIME WAS COMMITTED

Cumberland, Md., Jan. 4.—With the police unable to obtain evidence justifying an arrest, the impression grows that Charles Edward Twigg was responsible for the death, by poisoning, of himself and his fiancée, Grace Elessor, last Saturday. That crime was committed no one seems sure. Twigg was an orchardist. It is known he used cyanide potassium to destroy insects.

Grand Theatre.

Mr. Morgan will sing "When the Bells Are Ringing, Mary." It

GOVERNOR BALDWIN

Formally Inducted in High Connecticut Office Today.
Hartford, Conn., Jan. 4.—Judge Simon E. Baldwin, this afternoon before the general assembly took the oath of office as Governor of Connecticut. The ceremony was preceded by a military parade. Baldwin is the first Democrat to hold executive office in Connecticut since 1895.

MORE THAN \$23,000,000

Were Receipts of New York Postoffice Last Year.

New York, Jan. 4.—The New York postmasters' annual report shows that the receipts of the New York postoffice in 1910, exceeded twenty-three million dollars, an increase over the preceding year.

Grand Theatre.

"The Borrowed Baby," funniest picture ever made. It

FINED HEAVILY FOR REBATING

Federal Court Hits Railroad and Steel Concern

Philadelphia and Reading Road and Bethlehem Steel Company Fined Forty Thousand Dollars Each—Government Prosecuted the Case.

Philadelphia, Pa., Jan. 4.—Judge Holland, in the Federal Court today, inflicted fines of forty thousand dollars each upon the Philadelphia and Reading Railway and the Bethlehem Steel Company, charged with unlawful rebating. The Government was the prosecutor. The charge was that the railroad remitted demurrage charges on freight cars used by the Steel Company. The defendants will appeal the case to the Supreme Court.

COLD SUDDENLY DEPARTS FROM THE SOUTHWEST

Kansas City, Jan. 4.—Rising temperatures are reported throughout the Southwest this morning. The cold weather which held this part of the country in its grip the past few days ended as abruptly as it began. The thermometer registered sixteen degrees above zero today.

HEARING TOMORROW

Before Judge Connor With Reference to Confirmation of Angola Lumber Company Sale.

A hearing into the recent sale of the Angola Lumber Company plant under bankruptcy proceedings is set for tomorrow before United States Judge Henry Groves Connor at Wilson. An effort will be made to secure court confirmation of the recent sale of the plant to Mr. P. D. Camp, of Virginia. George H. Howell, Esq., will leave tonight for Wilson to appear before Judge Connor in the hearing which is expected to be held tomorrow. Hugh C. Davis, Esq., of Norfolk, is another attorney who is also interested in the matter.

Mr. Bellamy stated today that the hearing has for its primary object the final adjustment of the Angola Lumber Company bankruptcy proceedings. He said that Referee Howell was not averse to the sale to Mr. Camp.

It will be remembered that the Angola plant was sold some weeks ago at public sale, Mr. Camp being the highest bidder. There were one or two other bidders. The transfer of the plant has been held up since the sale pending the approval of the court. Mr. Bellamy stated that the arguments in the matter would probably be made before Judge Connor tomorrow. There is a chance that the hearing may be delayed until Friday pending the arrival of Attorney Davis at Wilson. Mr. Bellamy will return to the city the latter part of the week.

BIG FIRE AT TRINITY COLLEGE.

Durham, N. C., Jan. 4.—Trinity College was visited today by fire, which destroyed the Washington Duke dormitory. The personal belongings of hundreds of students were burned, together with valuable institution records. The loss is estimated at one hundred thousand dollars, with insurance of forty thousand.

THIRTY-EIGHT HORSES MEET DEATH IN FLAMES

Troy, N. Y., Jan. 4.—Thirty eight horses were burned to death, ten families rendered homeless and seven buildings destroyed by fire today, originating in Keeffe's livery stable. The loss is estimated at one hundred thousand dollars.

Grand Theatre.

See the great shipwreck scene in "A Light in the Window." It

Grand Theatre.

A beautiful picture for children, "A Christmas Carol." It



HON. W. C. DOWD, OF CHARLOTTE.

Distinguished North Carolinian and Ardent Democrat Today Elected Speaker of the House of Representatives.