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## GOV. KITCHIN SENDS IN HOT MESSAGE

### Goes For the Railroads and Insurance Companies and Praises Prohibition

Message of North Carolina Chief Executive Received by the General Assembly Today and is an Important Document—Senate Standing Committee Named—Greensboro Presents First Bill for Commission Form of Government and it Provides for the People to Elect the Commissioners.

(By Llewellyn.)

Raleigh, N. C., Jan. 5, 1911.—The proceedings in the Senate today began with a repetition of last session's continuation on the part of a few Senators that the three young women employed as stenographers should be required to write the private letters as public business of the fifty Senators, in addition to the heavy work that fall to their lot later in the session. Of course, the final disposition of the matter was to make no compulsory requirement, but leaving it optional with the young ladies to accommodate the Senators when they conveniently can do so, "not incompatible with their other duties." The first of the commission form of government bills was introduced today in the Senate by Senator Hobgood, of Guilford. The provision under section "elections," provides for the election by the voters of city each two years of a mayor, (who is to be commissioner of public accounts and finances), a commissioner of department public works, a commissioner of public safety, these three to constitute the board of commissioners of the city. But there shall also at same time be elected a judge of a municipal court "and such other elective officers as may be provided by law." I understand that the people of Greensboro would not stand for a commission form of government different from this express election feature provided in the Hobgood bill as introduced today. There is a strong section incorporated against "bribery," with the severest penalties that can be inflicted for its violation.

The Lieutenant Governor's selection of committees and especially the chairmanships are regarded as admirable on the whole and the announcements today afforded general satisfaction. John W. Graham, of Orange, as the head of the Judiciary Committee No. 4, is a fine selection, and with Senator Bassett, of Edgecombe as his yoke-mate, as Chairman of the Revisal Committee, (otherwise chairman of Judiciary Committee No. 2), the team is regarded as "strong pullers" of the Blackstone wagon, and they have some up hill plowing to do. Senator Joe Brown, of Columbus as head of the Finance Committee is dead sure to do some good work for the State in reforming the present system and minor details of inequality and injustice in the taxation of property.

Senator Bellamy drew a good number as Chairman of the Committee on Corporations.

During reading of the message, which began at 11:15 o'clock in both Houses, there were occasional punctuations of applause. One of them being especially noticeable in approval of the idea of a mountain educational training school. The passage referring to the recommendation that the water powers and electric light and power companies be placed under control of the State Corporation Commission was received with silent attention, as was also the references to the needed insurance matters. His recommendation for the suppression of the millage book exchanged for tickets nuisance, which are so explicitly made, met with evident approval. The two cent per mile feature of that recommendation seems to be regarded as possible, an effective entering wedge to bring the railroads to terms in this matter. The amendments to the Constitution recommendations among which is the one extracting most of the work from the legislature in matters of petty legislation, was doubtfully received by some legislators. The people are as jealous of their rights as ever.

The recommendation that the Governor of North Carolina be invested with the veto power will cause discussion and opposition, although North Carolina is one of only a very few States that withholds this power from its executive.

Asked as to their opinions most of the legislators regard the message as an able document, though, as is to be expected, coming from a Kitchin, it will cause opposition in some respects and quarters. The cotton Torrens land registration system got a nice boost from the Governor.

On motion of Senator Graham, of Orange, the Governor's message was ordered printed, (500 copies) and the different portions thereof to be referred by the chair to the several appropriate committees. The following bill was introduced by McDonald; for the more effective indexing of registration of deeds in each county. The Lieutenant Governor announced standing committees, after which the Senate adjourned. The following are the chairmen of the Senate committees (House committees not yet announced.)

Judiciary, Graham, Chairman; Finance, Brown; Corporations, Bellamy; Education, Barham; Banks and Banking, Bascoe; Propositions and Grievances, McLaurin; Agriculture, Cobb; Salaries and Fees, Ivey; Corporation Commission, Thorne; Railroads, Green; Claims, Baggett; Appropriations, Long; Privilege and Elections, Harvey; Pensions and Soldiers' Home, Boyden; Penal Institutions, Cotten; Insurance, Pharr; Game Laws, Hart sell; Soldiers and Soldiers' Home, Boyden; Fish and Fisheries, Martin of Washington; Shell Fish, Davis; Senate Expenditures, Barham; Congressional Apportionment, Kitchin; International Improvements, Cox; Deaf Institution, Hicks; Asylums for Insane, Sykes; Counties Cities and Towns, Martin of Buncombe; Constitutional Amendments, Barnes; Public Roads, Bennett; Military Affairs, Gardner; Immigration, Armstrong; Judicial Districts, Hobgood.

In The House.

With the exception of reading of the Governor's message, proceedings in the House were unimportant. There were no bills of general interest. The legislative wheels moved very slowly in the House today, the new reading clerk being evidently unaccustomed to such work.

Governor's Message.

Governor Kitchin discusses a number of important things in his message. Among those of liveliest interest, he recommends reduced railroad passenger fares and goes for the insurance companies. He believes the insurance business is controlled by a trust, which arbitrarily fixes rates too high and discriminates against the State. He urges legislative restriction of fire insurance companies within the State. He praises the work of the State Health Department and recommends increased appropriation. He also pays tribute to the North Carolina bankers' action in the bond matter last summer and recites the history of the bond transaction. Touching other vital and live matters he declares in his message today:

Prohibition.

Prohibition has now been in force throughout the State for two years. This is a short period with which to measure the effects of a reform movement. We have done little more than planted the seed whose full fruitage will be gathered by coming generations. And yet already the results fully justify its adoption. There has been, as appears from the Attorney General's report, based upon Superior court statistics, a marked diminution in crime, even in the crime of violating the prohibition law. Business has experienced increased rather than diminished prosperity. Morality, industry and frugality have increased, and politics and government have been to a great extent relieved of one of their most corrupting influences.

The greatest hindrance to its enforcement, except the interstate com-

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## First Authentic Pictures of Joseph G. Robin, The Indicted New York Banker.



Joseph G. Robin, the indicted New York banker, whose skyrocket methods caused the suspension of the North Bank of New York and its nine branches and the Washington Savings bank, is charged with the alleged theft of \$80,000 from the first named institution. William Travers Jerome, Robin's lawyer, claims that the banker is in sane. Robin, whose name originally was Rablavitich, came to America from Russia about thirteen years ago and after he had learned the English language became a reporter. He speedily abandoned the newspaper business and became a financier. For years he lived in lavish style and was regarded as a millionaire. When arrested he took poison.

### LIKELY WIPED OUT

Two Russian Towns Reported Destroyed by Yesterday's Earthquake—Each Town Had Eight Thousand Population.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 5.—A message from Tashkent, Russian Turkistan, says there are unconfirmed rumors that the towns of Przhnevsk and Pishpek were destroyed by yesterday's earthquake and that a lake has formed on the site of the former place. Each town has a population of eight thousand.

### CONGRESS BACK AT WORK AFTER ITS XMAS HOLIDAY

Washington, Jan. 5.—Congress convened at noon following its Christmas holiday recess. Senate adjourned immediately out of respect for memory of Senator Stephen B. Elkins, who died yesterday. The House proceeded with consideration of the legislative appropriation bill.

The House adjourned after an hour devoted to pressing business.

Stocks Today.

New York, Jan. 5.—Wall Street—Some heaviness was shown by the stock market at the opening, with the general tendency irregular. All the activity died out of the market in the afternoon. There was a creeping advance restoring prices generally to parity with yesterday's final figures. A renewed advance in Reading and Consolidated Gas, which placed the latter stock three points above yesterday's close, had a tonic effect on the market. Prices hardened slightly. Demand was soon exhausted and the list again fell back.

Following a slight recovery in the first hour, the market fell back again by noon, largely through lack of leadership. Prices then were generally below the previous day's close. Call money was in light demand at five per cent. Bonds were irregular.

Y. M. C. A. Building Burned.

Kalamazoo, Mich., Jan. 5.—The Y. M. C. A. building here was destroyed by fire today. The loss is sixty thousand dollars; partially covered by insurance.

### BEWARE OF CRAFTERS

Indiana's Governor Gives the Legislators Some Sound Advice About Steering Clear of Slick Lobbyists—Recommends Repeal of Local Option Law.

Indianapolis, Ind., Jan. 5.—In his message to the legislature, Governor Thomas R. Marshall, Democrat, told the members: "Be careful of the man who wants to show you a good time the day after he had been introduced, and also beware of the 'high fivers.' The fellow who wants to show you a good time has an axe to grind. He intends to chop his own wood with it. There is no money in honest public service. The man who 'flies high' in office has some one holding the string to his kite." Gov. Marshall recommended repeal of the local option law.

### FARMERS ARE WATCHING GROWERS' CONVENTION

Lexington, Ky., Jan. 5.—Farmers organizations all over the country are watching the convention of tobacco growers of Kentucky, Ohio, West Virginia, Indiana and Missouri, which met today to organize for the purpose of obtaining better prices for their crops. Eight million pounds of the 1909 pool remain unsold in warehouses in Lexington, Louisville and Cincinnati. Nearly the whole of the 1910 crop remains unsold.

### MICHIGAN'S GOV. TOUCHES ON THE LIQUOR QUESTION

Lansing, Mich., Jan. 5.—Governor Osborn in his first message to the legislature discusses the liquor question among scores of other questions. "Temperance," he says, "is a matter of personal discipline and is more a moral and a social problem than a political one. Government by saloon and brewery must go."

Something special, \$3.00 Goodyear Welt for \$1.98. Little Cash Shoe Store, 121 Market St.

### DIXIE FLYER DITCHED

Left Rails While Speeding South This Morning, But No Fatalities—Same Train Wrecked Same Place Month Ago.

Macon, Ga., Jan. 5.—The "Dixie Flyer," the fast Chicago to Jacksonville train, was ditched this morning at Inaha, on the Georgia, Southern and Florida Railroad, ninety miles below Macon. The engine and four cars were overturned. The passengers were badly shaken up. There were no fatalities. The only person injured was a fireman. None of the sleeping or club cars left the track. The train started south from Chicago yesterday. About one month ago the flyer was wrecked at almost the same place.

WHERE CRIME IS JUSTIFIED

Judge Holds Its No Harm to Steal an Umbrella on a Rainy Day. Paterson, N. J., Jan. 5.—It is no crime to steal an umbrella on a rainy day. Judge Carroll has thus decided. Robert McCauley was before the court charged with taking an umbrella from a hotel during a rainstorm. He was dismissed, the judge seeing no harm in such conduct.

### TENNESSEE LEGISLATURE IS AT A STANDSTILL

Nashville, Jan. 5.—The deadlock in the Tennessee legislature continues. No business is being transacted. The regular Democrats are arrayed against the Independent Democrats and Republicans.

Monthly Meeting Yesterday. The regular monthly meeting of Cape Fear Chapter, United Daughters of the Confederacy, was held yesterday afternoon. A number of business matters were considered.

Senator Young Wants the Primary. Des Moines, Jan. 5.—Senator Lafayette Young has declared himself in favor of the enactment of the Oregon primary law by the coming Iowa legislature.

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## DEMOCRAT AT HELM IN MAINE

### First of His Kind in Thirty Years

Governor Plaisted Inaugurated Today and He Advocates Business Methods in State Management—Rouinely Scores Prohibition Rule in Maine—Advocates the Direct Primary.

Augusta, Maine, Jan. 5.—Frederick W. Plaisted took the oath of office in the Hall of Representatives and is now Governor of Maine, the first Democrat to hold that office in thirty years, or since the completion of the term of his father, the late General Harris M. Plaisted. In his inaugural address Gov. Plaisted urged adoption of business methods in the administration of the State's affairs, the abolition of unnecessary offices and the consolidation of departments wherever good judgment warrants it. Gov. Plaisted said the Democrats stand obligated to enact a direct primary law. Reviewing the years of prohibition in Maine, Plaisted declared not only has the purpose of the Constitutional provision and legislative enactment failed of accomplishment, but hypocrisy, corruption and disrespect for law had been begotten.

## MANY HOLIDAY MERRYMAKERS KILLED IN TRAIN WRECK

Queenstown, Union of South Africa, Jan. 5.—Fifteen persons were killed and forty to fifty injured in a wreck of a passenger train, near Cathart, Cape Colony. The train was loaded with holiday merry-makers, from East London. The train left the rails and, turning over, rolled down an embankment.

THE TRUST'S SECOND FIGHT.

Argument Made by American Tobacco Company's Attorneys Today. Washington, Jan. 5.—The second fight of the American Tobacco Corporation against dissolution by decree of the Supreme Court of the United States, under the Sherman anti-trust law, was begun today, when attorneys advanced arguments in behalf of their cause.

Republicans Still Deadlocked.

Dover, Del., Jan. 5.—Republican members of the Delaware legislature are still deadlocked over the organization of both the Senate and House. There is no prospect of agreement.

## ASKS FOR COMMISSION TO TEST ROBIN'S SANITY

New York, Jan. 5.—Application was made to Supreme Court Justice Goff today by counsel for Joseph G. Robin, the indicted director of the suspended Northern Bank, for a commission to inquire into Robin's sanity.

Robbers Likely in Seattle.

Seattle, Washington, Jan. 5.—The two robbers who looted the mail car of North Coast Limited train, on the Northern Pacific railroad last night undoubtedly left the train in Argo, where the train stopped on the crossing. They are now believed to be in Seattle.

Perhaps the Missing Balloon.

Berlin, Jan. 5.—A Copenhagen dispatch states that a balloon supposedly the German Hildebrandt, missing since December 29th, passed over Heegannaes, Sweden, last night. No persons were visible.

Norfolk Ledger-Dispatch: In 1,463 marine disasters in 1910, in which 6,461 persons were in jeopardy, only 53 lives were lost, and only 74 vessels were completely wrecked. Still Congress hesitates to deal generously with the Life Saving Service by whose efforts this splendid record is made.

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## INSANE MAN CUT WIFE'S THROAT

### Wealthy Florida Planter Slew His Helpmeet

Cut Her Throat With His Pocket Knife, and is Now in Jail—Was an Old Man and Wife Slightly His Junior.

Pensacola, Fla., Jan. 5.—Believed to be insane, William Morgan, a wealthy planter, is in jail, after killing his wife at their home last night. Morgan is aged seventy years. His wife was a few years younger. Morgan cut his wife's throat with a pocket knife.

## HE TELLS UPON WHAT DEMOCRACY DEPENDS

Concord, N. H., Jan. 5.—Governor Robert P. Bass, Democrat, in his inaugural address asserted that the permanent success of representative Democracy depends primarily on two conditions. First, the Government shall not fall under control of any group, class or portion of a community; secondly, that those elected to office by the people shall keep faith with their constituents. Gov. Bass declared there is universal demand, reflected in political unrest, that corporations get out and keep out of politics.

COLLEGE BUILDING BURNED

Teacher Fatally Injured, and Several Students Missing.

Granby, Quebec, Jan. 5.—With the temperature twenty five degrees below zero, forty students in St. Joseph's College were routed from their beds this morning in a fire which destroyed the college's main building. One teacher jumped from a third story window and was fatally injured. Several students are missing and may be in the ruins.

## CAP AND GLASSES MAY BE AVIATOR GRACE'S

Brussels, Belgium, Jan. 5.—The Aero Club has received a dispatch from President Ostend of the Aero Club, stating that an aviator's cap and glasses, probably those worn by Cecil Grace and supposedly lost in the North Sea while the aviator was returning from a triumphant flight, were picked up at sea off Mariakerke, on the Belgium coast.

REPARATION NOT NECESSARY.

Interstate Commerce Commission Lays Down New Principle.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 5.—Awarding of reparation by no means necessarily follows a reduction of rates, whether by voluntary action of the carriers or by order of the Interstate Commerce Commission, is the principle laid down by the Commission to govern proceedings in reparation cases.

500,000 Licensed Autos.

New York, Jan. 5.—There are five hundred thousand licensed automobiles in the United States, according to National Highway Protective Association statistics.

## GOV. HADLEY SENT IN HIS MESSAGE TODAY

Jefferson City, Jan. 5.—Governor Hadley in his biennial message to the legislature gave special attention to taxation, the liquor traffic and the development of the State's natural resources. Concerning the recent defeat of the proposed amendment to the constitution, providing for State-wide prohibition, Governor Hadley said the liquor interest should not construe it as an endorsement by the people of a more liberal policy toward these interests.