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WITH THE LEGISLATURE

MANY NEW MEASURES INTRODUCED--TO CHANGE AUTO-MOBILE LAWS

THANKS GOV. PORTHEIR

Raleigh, N. C., Jan. 11.—Speaker Dowd today appointed additional House committees, including the chairman:

Ray, chairman, Regulation of Public Service Corporation.

Hagman, of Institution of Deaf and Dumb, with Taylor, of Brunswick, a member.

Salaries and fees, Sykes, chairman, with Connor, of Wilson, a member.

Pensions, Julian S. Carr, with Horne, of Johnston, a member.

Counties, Cities and Towns, Buck chairman.

Education, Spainhour, with Taylor, of Brunswick, a member.

Among the new House bills introduced today are:

To organize the new county of Piedmont.

Changing the name of Croatan Indians to Cherokee.

To increase the salary of the State Librarian.

By Kellum: Relating to conduct on public highway, also to repeal, Chapter 753, Acts of 1909, relating to auto vehicles, also to amend sub-section 52, of Revisal relating to present auto laws, also enabling bill relating to the acceptance of pay as witnesses by officers of the city of Wilmington.

Also to make all of section 23 of Chapter 405, Acts of 1909, apply to New Hanover county (auto law); also by Kellum, a bill requiring auto owners pay license.

By Pace, of Wake: To amend section 2374 of the Revisal relating to hiring another's servants, also a bill relating to the betterment of railway employees.

By Taylor, of Brunswick: To facilitate road building in Brunswick county.

By Ward: Relating to pension of Confederate soldiers; also a bill to regulate fishing in Roanoke Sound.

The first business of the day when the calendar was reached was the adoption of the Ewart resolution thanking Governor Prothier, of Rhode Island, for his action about fraudulent bonds. Ewart and Doughton spoke advocating the measure.

Senate Proceedings.

In the Senate bills were introduced to prohibit near-beer in the State.

To create the new county of Piedmont.

To reduce the hours of labor in factories from 66 to 60 per week.

Relating to hiring another's servants.

For the better protection of railway employees.

For increasing the pensions of Confederate veterans.

The Senate passed on final reading the Greensboro commission form of government bill.

The legislators were formally invited to attend the unveiling of the bust of the late Senator Matt. Ransom in the Capitol building tonight.

Other Bills Introduced.

By Mr. Marshall, of Surry: To amend Article VI of the Constitution, with reference to the poll tax.

By Battle, of Wake: To amend pension law of State.

By Turlington: To prohibit State officers from accepting fees to prosecute claims against State.

By Spainhour, of Burke: To divide State into four judicial circuits.

By Herbert: To increase pension of soldiers and widows.

By Roberts, of Buncombe: To pre-

vent detention of women in houses of prostitution for debt.

By Mr. Spainhour: To regulate and increase the pay of judges of the Superior Courts. Also a bill affecting the judicial districts.

By Pace, of Wake: Requiring railroads to protect injured employes.

By Dillard, of Guilford: To protect land-owners in the enjoyment of their rights.

Grand Lodge of Masons In Session.

Raleigh, N. C., Jan. 11.—The Grand Lodge of Masons of North Carolina began here last night the one hundred and twenty-fourth annual session of the order, the meetings being held in the handsome new Masonic Temple, there being in attendance between six and seven hundred delegates, the membership representative of the best life of North Carolina, coming from all sections of the State.

The Grand Lodge will be in session through Thursday morning, when the installation of officers will take place, and the initial session last night gave promise of a meeting of great interest and value. The reports showed progress under the administration of Grand Master R. N. Hackett, of Wilkesboro, ten lodges having been added to the order, making now a total of 385, the increase in membership in the year being about one thousand, making the total membership about 21,000. In its various divisions the work of the order was found to be in excellent condition.

Mr. Ed. Gorham Hurt.

(Rocky Mount Record.)

While at his duties as manager of the Planters' Cotton Seed Oil Mill yesterday afternoon, Mr. Ed. Gorham received injuries that it was at first believed were fatal, though within less than two hours after the accident he again gained consciousness and it is believed today that his condition is no serious. Mr. Gorham was in the shipping room and was in the act of tagging a quantity of cotton seed meal that was bagged and piled when the bags rolled down from a considerable height, striking Mr. Gorham and burying him under an avalanche of them. It is estimated that there was about four tons of the bagged meal that rolled down, though it did not all come upon Mr. Gorham at one time, for it would have crushed the life out of him. Hands at work in the mill immediately went to Mr. Gorham's relief and he was taken from beneath the bags, and medical attention was immediately summoned. This morning it is found that no internal injuries were suffered and no bones broken, though the body is considerably bruised up, to the extent that it will necessitate his remaining within his room for some little time.

Norfolk, Va., Jan. 11.—It has been learned from the wreckers that the damage resulting to the monitor Puritan from the tests of the new explosive recently made was more extensive than first reported.

Many of the plates on the bottom of the monitor were sprained, causing rents, these delaying the work of getting the hull in condition for raising. In the opinion of one of the divers, the monitor would have gone to the bottom in five minutes had she been in deep water when the explosion occurred.

Escaped Jail Birds Still At Large.

Ertie James, Mary Hales and Hattie Hales, the three negro women who escaped from jail Sunday night, have not yet been apprehended. The women were placed in jail for failure to pay fines to the city for disorderly conduct.

Mr. H. P. Thorpe, of Rocky Mount, was here this afternoon.

TOBACCO COS. HAS INNING

ATTORNEYS FOR TRUST ARGUE TO SUPREME COURT--NICOLL MAKES SPEECH

DENY RESTRAINT TRADE

Washington, D. C., Jan. 11.—Counsel for the tobacco corporations yesterday pounded the government's position in seeking to have the Supreme Court of the United States dissolve the so-called "Tobacco Trust."

First, DeLancey Nicoll addressed the court. He was followed by John G. Johnson, and he in turn by W. B. Hornblower. The last spoke on behalf of the Imperial Tobacco Company, referred to as the "British Tobacco Trust." The first two appeared for the American Tobacco Company.

During Mr. Hornblower's address, Justice Harlan, whose love of good tobacco has been the basis of many amusing incidents around the court, asked if any reason could be advanced as to why he was unable to get any chewing tobacco that was not unsound, or rotten, or adulterated. "The Imperial Tobacco Company never manufactured chewing tobacco," the attorney replied. "My understanding is that the English people do not chew tobacco, and the only demand for it in England is by tourists."

DeLancey Nicoll in his argument to the court said:

"The history of the American Tobacco Company is the history of the expansion of trade, not of its restraint. The business structure which its capital has erected is a triumph of American industry. It is the government's largest taxpayer. It has no enemies except competitors who would rise to fortune and politicians who would rise to fame on its ruins. The enormous patronage it receives from the public attests its popularity.

"What more preposterous proposal was ever made to this court than that it should lend its aid to destroy this great business, to raze this fabric of American industry to the ground, drive buyers from the markets, until the tobacco rots in the field, withdraw this pioneer of commerce from foreign marts, embarrass merchants, annoy customers, and destroy the returning confidence of the financial and industrial world? I cannot believe that any such proposal will find favor in this august tribunal, where commonsense prevails, where reason reigns, and where passion and prejudice play no part."

Mr. Johnson first attacked the government's reference to the Wilson tariff act of 1894 as a Congressional interpretation of the Sherman act of 1890. Mr. McReynolds had made this reference in support of a broad interpretation of the Sherman act. Mr. Johnson said that he had always believed that such a second enactment indicated that the legislature considered that the second act was not included in the first.

The government's interpretation of the Sherman act was attacked further because of the insistence that the word "material" was meant by Congress to be inserted before "restraint" in the statute. Mr. Johnson said that the best minds of the country failed to convince the court that the word "unreasonable" should be inserted before "restraint," and he prophesied that the government's present attempt would result in failure. Consequently, Mr. Johnson argued that the government's whole theory fell to the ground.

The attorney contended that the Knight case controlled the present suit, and therefore that the court must hold again that the manufacture of goods which might later enter into interstate commerce could not be reached under the Sherman anti-trust law.

Suit Over Funds.

The entire day was consumed in a hearing before Mr. S. G. Mewborn, clerk, as referee in a proceeding brought by James W. Barnes and wife, H. F. Freeman and wife et al., against Joe Boykin and others, the controversy being over some funds that arose from the estate of the late Garry Williamson. About \$700 is involved.

SEVENTEEN LIVES LOST

THREE BARGES STRUCK REEF IN GALE OFF MASSACHUSETTS COAST

LIFE SAVERS POWERLESS

Provincetown, Mass., Jan. 11.—Seventeen men were drowned yesterday when the barges Conwin, Treverton and Pine Forest, in tow of the tug Lyckens, Captain Hammond commanding, were caught in a fifty-five mile gale and swept away from the vessel and driven upon Peaked Hill bar, just off Provincetown.

The Pine Forest sank as soon as it struck the reef, carrying five men to the bottom. The Conwin went to pieces in the heavy sea about two hours after she struck, and her crew of five perished.

The seven men on the Treverton fought for their lives for five hours after the barge crashed ashore.

Heroic life-savers endeavored to reach the barges, but were unable to do so.

The disaster, the worst life guards of the storm-lashed coast of grim Cape Cod had seen in more than a dozen years, occurred on the treacherous sand bars that make off from the Peaked Hills. They stood on the beach with their life boats and other apparatus, unable to render assistance, while three stout coal-carrying barges were hurled to destruction and all on board—seventeen men—lost their lives in the boiling surf. The barges were the Treverton, Corbin and Pine Forest, valued together at \$125,000. With the exception of Captain F. I. Brown, of the Treverton, who belonged in Lincoln, Maine, and Captain M. W. Hall, of the Pine Forest, a Provincetown man, all were drowned, including Captain Charles N. Smith, of Philadelphia, of the barge Corbin.

Inhuman Mother Abandons Recently Born Infant To Its Fate.

Tarboro, N. C., Jan. 11.—Sunday night while Mrs. Venable, who lives with her son-in-law, Ed. Ponds, was returning to her home, she was startled by piercing cries of a baby in the direction of a nearby backyard. She hastened home and notified Mr. Ponds of the cries, asking him to return to investigate. Mr. Ponds was busily engaged otherwise, however, and could not go. Two negro women were dispatched to the scene, where they found a recently born infant in the Panola pasture, near the brickyard. There was no clue to the mother.

Matthews-Ferrell.
The register's office today issued license for the marriage of Mr. W. T. Matthews and Miss Addie Ferrell; daughter of Mr. J. B. Ferrell. Both of the contracting parties reside in Black Creek township.

Mr. Paul Branch left this morning for Raleigh, where he has been offered the position of clerk of Judiciary Committee No. 1. Mr. George W. Connor, of Wilson, is chairman of that committee.
Mr. H. P. Dortch, of Goldsboro, is in the city.

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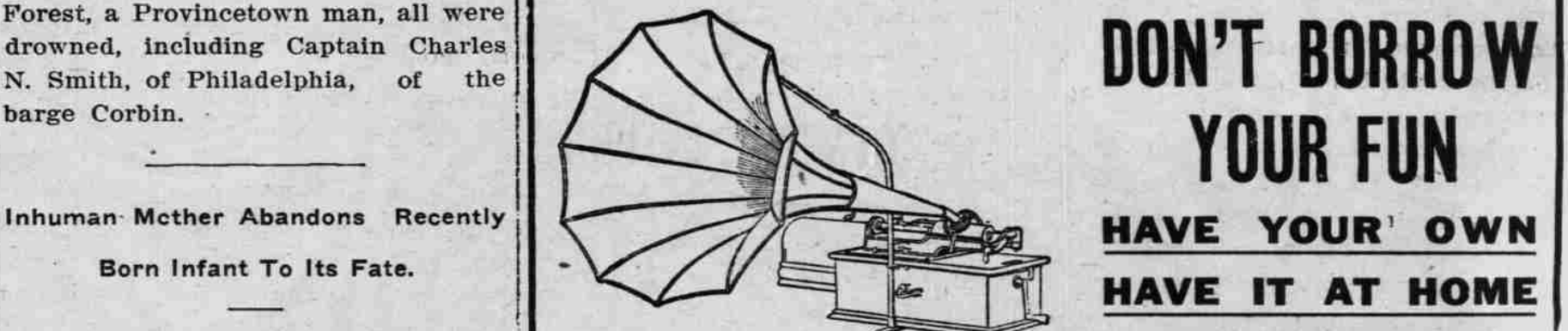
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