

# SALARY OF N. C. JUDGES

**MOST OF THE SESSION OF HOUSE TODAY WAS DEVOTED TO SPAINHOUR BILL**

## THE 16TH AMENDMENT

(Raleigh, N. C., Jan. 24.—The Senate today engaged in a continuation of the argument on the measure involving the ratification of the proposed Sixteenth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States relating to an income tax.

The early hour of the House was devoted to the introduction of bills chiefly of local importance.

The Capitol building is alive with promoters of Hoke county. Hundreds of them are here and will be heard this evening before the joint committee.

Most of the session of the House, after the expiration of the morning hour, was taken up in the discussion of the Spainhour bill and the substitute, therefore, reported today by the Judiciary Committee. Wooten led the discussion for the substitute and Spainhour vigorously defended his original bill. The measures differ most eccentrically in the following points:

Under the Spainhour bill, Superior Court Judges must hold as many as thirty-five weeks of court during the year to earn the \$3,500 now paid them. When they hold extra terms, \$16.66 per day is provided for terms of less than one week of actual work. Spainhour declared that Judges could earn as much as four thousand per year at practice.

Wooten defended the substitute, which places Superior Court Judges on a flat salary of four thousand dollars and Supreme Court Justices at five thousand dollars annually, with one hundred dollars per full week, or \$16.66 per day, for terms of less than one full week for judges holding special terms to be paid by each county in which such extra court is held and not by the State, as at present.

Woodson, of Cleveland, attacked both bills and accentuated the assertion that many of the judges could not earn at practicing law half of the amount now paid them by the State.

After a protracted and warm debate both of the Judges salary bills were recommitted back to the committee to await further desirable and necessary information not yet available. The motion was carried by a close division.

Two special orders are set for Wednesday in the Senate, which promise to provoke considerable discussion. One of these is the bill to ratify and confirm the incorporation of the Leitch and Blowing Rock Turnpike Company.

The other is the bill to increase the salary of the Governor from four thousand to six thousand dollars per annum—the increase to apply to Governors to be elected in the future, of course, because the law forbids the increase of salary of a constitutional officer during his term of service.

This bill will probably pass the Senate as did a similar bill during the early days of the last Legislature—before Mr. Kitchin had been sworn into office, but it was defeated in the House, partly because some doubted the wisdom of increasing the salary after a new Governor had been elected, although he had not yet begun to serve his term. That objection cannot be raised against the present bill, and from all I can learn, its chances of passage in the House this time are good.

There is no question that the bill ought to be enacted, for the "high cost of living" is felt as sensibly and acutely at the Executive Mansion as the humblest of homes, and six thousand per year now will hardly go as far as four thousand did a few years ago in meeting expenses.

There are varying views among legislators of the House resolution introduced yesterday by Representative Ewart (Rep.), of Henderson county, calling for the appointment of a House committee to investigate the possible efficacy of the present anti-trust law and report to the House its findings at the present session. That if the so-called "Pink Tea" statute is

not a pro-trust law, then to report to the House why prosecutions of trusts have not been more active and numerous than the recent eleventh-hour affair, brought before the police justice in Raleigh against the Standard Oil Company, etc.

One of the most conservative and best posted legislators said to me today that, in his opinion, Ewart's resolution amounts to no more than a piece of party buncombe, whereby its author sought to appropriate a little party capital for the Republicans.

The cotton manufacturers will be coming in pretty soon on their regular biennial visit to appear before the joint legislative committee on Manufactures and Labor, Mr. Battle, of Wake, having introduced the bill "To regulate the hours of labor in factories." Among the main change the labor people are fighting for is the making of 60 hours a legal week's work, instead of 66 hours as now. The debate on the floor, after the committee makes its report, will, as usual, be a protracted one.

### North Carolina Press Association.

Winston-Salem, N. C., Jan. 25.—The two-days' mid-winter session of the North Carolina Press Association opened here yesterday with an address of welcome by ex-Judge George P. Pell, a former newspaper man. The response was by Archibald Johnson, of Charity and Children, of Thomasville. Other addresses were made by Hon. A. H. Eller, of this city, and Mr. Fagg, of the National Magazine.

The opening session closed with an address by President M. L. Shipman. Last night an informal smoker was given the editors by the Board of Trade. The feature was an address by Hon. Locke Craig, of Asheville, who is slated for Governor of North Carolina two years hence.

Notice was given yesterday afternoon that the excursion to Charleston, S. C., planned for the editors on Thursday, had been abandoned upon advice from the superintendent of the new Southbound Railroad that the road bed between Whitney and Wadesboro was not in condition to operate a train over it at this time.

The Association adjourned after a business session today.

## GENERAL NEWS ITEMS

Newark, N. J., Jan. 24.—Mrs. Caroline B. Martin was yesterday sentenced to seven years imprisonment for killing her daughter, Mrs. Ocey W. M. Snead, the victim of the East Orange bathtub mystery, Mrs. Martin had pled guilty to involuntary manslaughter.

Paris, Jan. 24.—Aviator Maymann, with three passengers flew Sunday from Mourmelon to Bethany, a distance of eighteen miles, in twenty-seven minutes. His average height was 106 yards. He flew back later to Mourmelon with his passengers.

New Orleans, Jan. 24.—Attorney-General Wickersham has asked for immediate resignation of United States District Attorney Charles R. Beattie, of New Orleans.

Kew West, Fla., Jan. 24.—With all preliminary arrangements completed for his flight from Key West to Havana, Aviator J. A. D. McCurdy announced yesterday that a start would be made about seven o'clock tomorrow morning.

Norfolk, Va., Jan. 24.—The special court of inquiry named by Secretary of the Navy Meyer to inquire into the explosion of the battleship Delaware recently, when nine men were killed, has begun its investigation aboard the Delaware, with that vessel in dry dock for examination and test to her tubes.

Athens, Greece, Jan. 25.—Five non-commissioned officers of the Greek army were arrested yesterday following the discovery of evidence which points to a military plot against the government. Twelve members of the army, including Colonel Lapathiotis, who was war minister under the revolutionary regime, are now under arrest.

Boston, Mass., Jan. 24.—President Taft has honored Miss Lilla Ormond, the Boston contralto, with a special request that she sing at the White House on March 10th. Miss Ormond has recently given ten concerts in the West.

# POSTAL BILL CAUSES STIR

**HITCHCOCK IS SEVERELY CRITICISED ON ACCOUNT OF HIS POSTAL POLICY**

**CARRIES \$257,000,000**

Washington, D. C., Jan. 25.—The House passed the Postoffice Appropriation bill carrying about \$257,000,000 yesterday afternoon with no votes in the negative.

The postoffice committee of the House, the Postmaster-General and "others higher up," including by inference the President of the United States, came in for another scoring at the hands of members of the House during the consideration of the bill.

The debate reached its height when Representative Sisson, of Mississippi, declared with vigor:

"The mail service all over the United States is in a h—l of a fix—to use a strong expression. And this House should fix the responsibility where it belongs. Some say it is the committee, some say it is the Department and some say it is the President. The Department has declined to spend the money appropriated for additional rural free delivery routes, and are going to turn back a surplus of \$1,700,000 from this service."

As soon as the rural free delivery service paragraph was reached in the bill, amendments to increase the pay of the rural carriers from \$900 a year all the way up to \$1,200 were offered.

Representative Bartlett, of Georgia, led the fusillade of criticism by offering an amendment to give the carriers \$1,000 a year.

Representative Austin, of Tennessee, also scored the postal committee. He thought the country ought to know where the responsibility lay.

Mr. Byrnes, of Tennessee, blamed the Postoffice Department and "men higher up" for conditions in the postal service.

Mr. Edwards, of Georgia, asserted that the present administration was no friend of the rural service.

Mr. Adamson, of Georgia, declared the rural carriers were actually being robbed by the government.

Chairman Weeks declared that the reason the rural service had not been extended during the past year was on account of the precarious condition of the Treasury. He added, however, that the committee was now willing to grant carriers the \$100 increase in salary.

The House then passed with a whoop an amendment providing that after July 1, 1911, the carriers should receive a salary not exceeding \$1,000 a year.

"Please do not open until Christmas," will be permitted on mail matter in the future, if the action of the House is sustained. A provision was approved allowing these extra words to be written on mail packages.

The provision is for the purpose of relieving the congestion of the mails at Christmas time.

### Standard Oil Company is Given a Clear Bill.

Raleigh, N. C., Jan. 25.—The Standard Oil Company was adjudged not guilty yesterday of violating the anti-trust law of North Carolina by cutting prices of kerosene oil so as to drive out competition. The case was heard in December by Police Justice Alex. Stronach, who handed down a lengthy written opinion in favor of the Standard Oil Company on all counts.

Hackensack, N. J., Jan. 25.—Six hundred persons were panic-stricken yesterday when two passenger trains on the Erie road collided at State street, within the city limits. More than a score were badly bruised and the road was tied up for two hours.

London, Jan. 25.—The Cunard liner Lusitania docked yesterday with a new eastward record. She made the trip from New York in four days, eighteen hours and forty minutes for the 2,932 nautical miles across the Atlantic. Her average speed was 25.57 knots.

# A PERMANENT TARIFF BOARD

**COMMITTEE AGREES ON BOARD OF FIVE MEMBERS--WILL BE ACTED ON MONDAY**

**PRES. TAFT IS PLEASED**

Washington, Jan. 25.—A permanent tariff board of five members to investigate all questions for the benefit of Congress is provided for in a bill unanimously agreed upon by the House Committee on Ways and Means. The bill, effective July 1, contains substantially the provisions of the Longworth and Dalzell bills.

When the White House learned that the committee had agreed unanimously to report favorably on the bill, President Taft expressed great satisfaction. The bill, it is said, will be taken up next Monday under suspension of the rules and the White House believes it will pass. Further, it believes the bill also will pass the Senate, although Senator Bailey publicly intimated his intention to oppose it.

It is understood that the present members, Chairman Henry C. Emery, James B. Reynolds, of Massachusetts, and Alvin H. Saunders, of Chicago, will continue on the board, and the President will name two Democrats in the near future to fill the two additional places on the board.

The Democratic members of the committee voted with the Republicans for the bill after insisting upon the insertion of a provision adding to the functions of the board the words:

"And shall also make investigation of any such subject whenever directed by either House of Congress," and also a provision discontinuing the existence of the present board when the present bill becomes effective in order to avoid duplication of boards, the understanding being that the papers and files of the present body shall be transferred to the new board.

The board is to investigate the cost of production of articles made subject to tariff legislation, with especial reference to prices paid domestic and foreign labor and prices paid for raw materials, whether domestic or imported; producer's prices and retail prices of commodities; conditions of markets affecting American products, together with all facts necessary or convenient in fixing import duties or in aiding the President and other officers of the government in administering the laws and investigating any such subject "whenever directed by either house."

### Tragedy in Warrenton.

Warrenton, N. C., Jan. 24.—An awful tragedy was enacted here Saturday evening. Mrs. C. W. Temple committed suicide by taking carbolic acid.

Temple runs a saw mill near town. Mrs. Temple drove out to see him, and they quarreled over another woman, who was at the mill and had caused a breach between Temple and his wife. He threw his wife down and choked her, when a negro woman interfered and brought Mrs. Temple back to town.

Mrs. Temple wrote a note to her husband, requesting him to take care of her children, and give her a decent burial, and was dead in fifteen or twenty minutes.

The mayor tried Temple and put him under a \$500 bond, which he has not given.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 25.—Representatives of fertilizer interests of the United States will meet in Washington tomorrow to discuss methods of defense against future impositions of the penalty tax assessed by Germany upon American importations of potash.

Carson, Nevada, Jan. 25.—George S. Nixon, Republican, was re-elected a Legislature which has four Democratic United States Senator yesterday by a large majority on joint ballot.

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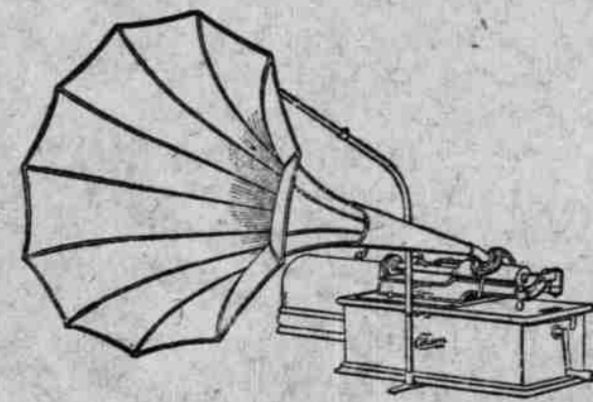
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