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At the CAPITAL

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The North Carolina General Assembly is deadlocked, apparently hopelessly.

However, since it is darkest before the dawn, the list may break through and the deadlock may be broken, but it will be the unexpected. That is just what has been happening in the present session, and it may again in the one big problem before the law-making body.

Rays of light have come through the maze several times during the week past, but before hopes got too high, they were out and the darkness was blacker than ever. Other rays may break through, and may end as abruptly, and some day, or night, the clouds may clear and order come out of the chaos that envelops the General Assembly at the end of its 16th week and 106th day.

The House appears fixed in its determination to make effective the State support of the six months school term, and by means in large part by the general sales tax of one per cent on gross sales. The Senate seems just as determined, even with a smaller majority, to have the Folger-Grier plan of a \$10,000,000 equalizing fund for school aid without a luxury of general sales tax, except the one for one-tenth of one per cent, which it included in the Revenue bill.

The committees from the two Houses have struggled in vain for a solution. The Senate committee came back to the Senate to ask for instruction. That body immediately received a resolution to instruct them to support a commodity—a luxury—tax. The supporters of that resolution thought they had won over a vote, enough to tie the Senate and require President R. T. Fountain to break the tie for that tax. But in winning one, they lost another, and the Senate, for the third or fourth time, voted down the luxury tax, 26 to 24.

Senator Frank Dunlap, of Anson, one of the conferees, tried to offer an amendment a compromise, in which he thought all could agree, but Senator Rivers Johnson, confident the commodity or luxury tax instruction would be carried, refused to let it be introduced and cut off debate by the parliamentary weapon of "calling for the previous question."

The next day the general sales tax proposal, for the third or fourth time, was placed before the Senate, in the form of a resolution to instruct the Senate Conference committee to support it. Again it was lost, by the decisive vote of 32 to 9, several not voting.

Senator Dunlap's amendment, which was not offered, was a compromise. By it, the Senate committee would have been instructed to vote for the luxury tax, as an emergency, for two years only, and whether or not it should be continued would be left to a vote of the people in the next election. It would require economies included in the Folger school bill to be included, thus reducing the cost of the schools. That was what the Senate MacLean measure advocates turned down, not even learning of its provisions until later.

In the House, a resolution was introduced, seeking to have that body stop and investigate, getting additional facts and figures and all information possible, as to what the various

proposals would mean, instead of continuing hard-headedly and determinedly in its course of the State complete support of the six months term. The House refused to act on it immediately, sending it to the finance committee, thus again resisting all efforts to modify the provisions of the MacLean measure. "I'm broke, and I want to go home," said Representative Halstead, of Camden, a MacLean measure supporter, in calling upon his fellow-members to view the matter sanely and sensibly.

Representative MacLean, sponsor of the act, is quoted as having said that his object was to organize his forces in support of the State operation, in order to procure an increase in the equalizing fund \$10,000,000. But, it is stated, his forces are so organized, due to the economic conditions, general depression, and pressure from those seeking relief, that they have gone on ahead of their leader and that he is powerless to stop them at the goal he set out to reach. But for that, it is believed, he would call upon supporters of his measure to accept the \$10,000,000 equalizing fund.

The House and Senate have other differences which conference committees have been unable to compose. A deadlock developed in the bill to regulate public service busses and trucks, operated on regular schedules, and another arose in the school attendance-child labor bill, raising the minimum of education from the fourth to the sixth grade before a child is permitted to work. An unusual number of conference committees has been employed by this session, the two Houses balking at actions of the other.

The bill providing for a re-organization of the Department of Labor and including women in industry, child welfare, statistics on industry and the industrial commission in its scope, has been enacted. The act enlarges the work, making up for the printing and supply features taken over by the Division of Purchase and Contract.

The justice of the peace bill, nearly a month late, has been enacted, thus naming several hundred justices whose terms expired April 1. Many of them have performed official acts and it is probable that a bill will be enacted to validate the acts of all of those appointed. The omnibus of education bill was also late in getting through and old boards in some instances performed such acts as electing a county superintendent just before retiring. An act will probably be passed invalidating such actions, since they are not legal. The omnibus Confederate pension bill was enacted last week.

Reciprocity arrangements may now be made with other states, relative to licenses on cars operating in more than one state, through enactment of the reciprocity law.

Other laws enacted the past week include:

- Provision of cities and towns to finance air ports and landing fields.
- Permit working of short-term prisoners in city and town streets.
- Allowing a refund of tax on gasoline used for mining purposes.
- Providing for additional jurors

from another county, by judge's motion, rather than removing cases to other counties for trial.

Amend the game laws to permit farmers to propegate game and receive some of the benefits from hunting on their properties.

Prevent the lapsing of insurance policies, paid by employers from wages, without due notice of failure to pay premiums, to the insured.

Allow World War veterans, their families and beneficiaries under adjusted compensation certificates to obtain death and birth certificates from the Bureau of Vital Statistics without cost.

CARTHAGE

Miss Judith Wainer entertained at three tables of bridge Monday evening in honor of her house guest Mrs. M. D. Lipman. Mrs. Lipman was presented with a lovely vase by the hostess. Mrs. Sarah Hurwitz held high score and Miss Willa Campbell low score and each were presented with attractive gifts.

On Tuesday afternoon Mrs. C. G. Spencer entertained the Tuesday Afternoon Contract Club. Those enjoying Mrs. Spencer's hospitality were Mrs. L. R. Sugg, Mrs. R. G. Wallace, Mrs. L. W. Barlow, Mrs. Kirkman, Mrs. Herbert Poole, Mrs. F. H. Underwood, Mrs. E. H. Morton, Mrs. M. G. Dalrymple, Mrs. J. M. Lane and Misses Johnnie Redding and Annie McKeithen. Mrs. R. G. Wallace was winner of the high score for the club members and Mrs. L. R. Sugg for the visitors.

Friday evening at 8:30 Mrs. George Carter and Mrs. P. K. Kennedy entertained a number of friends at bridge and rook at the Carthage Hotel.

Mrs. Alice Watson held high score in bridge and Mrs. J. E. Muse in rook.

On Wednesday afternoon Mrs. M. J. McPhail of Sanford entertained a few friends at a rook and bridge party. The guests who attended from Carthage were Madames L. R. Sugg, W. R. Clegg, S. H. Miller, Dan Carter, Frank Blue, S. H. Miller and J. E. Muse and Misses Blennie and Mamie Williamson and Annie McKeithen. Mrs. Dan Carter received high score.

The Silver Tea given at the Carthage Hotel last Thursday evening was very much enjoyed by all who attended. Music was a delightful feature of the evening's entertainment as well as several readings given by pupils of Mrs. H. Lee Thomas.

Mrs. M. D. Lipman of Rockingham was the guest of Miss Judith Wainer a few days this week.

Miss Flora McDonald spent the week-end here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. McDonald.

Miss Katharine Blue, a student at Flora McDonald College, was at home for Sunday.

Mrs. George Martin, Mrs. Ralph Caldwell, Mrs. Forrest Lockey and Miss Janette Leach of Aberdeen were in town Monday.

Mrs. B. L. Whalan, who has been the guest of Mrs. Charles Nicoll for the past two weeks, returned to her home in Hartford, Conn., Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Welch spent the week-end in Charlotte with Mr. Welch's parents.

Mrs. J. M. Lane went to Richmond, Va., Thursday for a few days.

Mrs. George Carter and sons, William, Hoover and Jack spent the past week-end in Madison with relatives.

Mrs. H. J. Hall and Mrs. Walter Porter went to Fayetteville Wednesday for the day.

Mrs. J. L. Currie has returned home after spending some time in Highsmith's Hospital in Fayetteville.

Her friends are glad to know that she is rapidly improving.

Mrs. O. B. Welch left Thursday to visit friends in New York state. She expects to be away for about a month.

Dr. J. Symington, public health officer, attended the State Medical convention held in Durham last week. Dr. Symington made the statement he was of the opinion that the public health of the state was on a firmer health basis than it had ever been.

While in Durham Dr. Symington attended the dedication of the new Hospital and a lecture by Dean Welch, of John Hopkins Hospital and met many friends of the medical profession.

STATE BAR ASSOCIATION TO MEET AT CHAPEL HILL

The North Carolina Bar Association, with Charles A. Boston of New York as one of the principal speakers, will hold its annual convention at Chapel Hill July 23, 24 and 25. Mr. Boston, president of the American Bar Association, has accepted an invitation to speak July 24th. Charles G. Rose, president of the state board group, will make his annual address July 23.

Gov. Franklin D. Roosevelt of New York was invited to address the association but will not be able to attend. The refusal of Mr. Roosevelt to accept an invitation to speak to the Human Relations Institute at Chapel Hill in May, Henry M. London, secretary, said, has been confused by some with the bar meeting, though the lawmakers will not meet until mid-summer.

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