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TO IMPROVE THE CAPE FEAR

Plan Calls For a Total Appropriation of \$1,350,000.

GREAT SCHEME ABLY PRESENTED.

Hon. E. W. Pou Corrects a Misstatement by Mr. Rixey—Senator Simmons Presides Over a Session of Senate.

Washington Special in News and Observer.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 14—Major E. J. Hale, of Fayetteville, appeared today before Chairman Burton's House Committee on Rivers and Harbors and presented the case of the Cape Fear River improvement plan, in which the United States engineer reports that eight feet of low water throughout the year may be obtained. It calls for a total appropriation of \$1,350,000, but its friends will be content for the present with an appropriation of any amount sufficient to begin work on the plan recommended by Capt. Lucas. This provides for three locks, each 150 in the chamber and 28 feet wide with movable dams 170 feet long, the plan being similar to that employed on the Kanawha River.

The distinguishing feature of Major Hale's argument was the demonstration which seemed to greatly impress the committee, that the peculiar seacoast of North Carolina, jutting out over 150 miles east of the normal line, was responsible for the hitherto commercial inferiority of our State to her neighbors, and that except approach to our back country be had via the Cape Fear River and Fayetteville, which is precisely on the normal coast line the trade of central and western North Carolina is intercepted by the ports of neighboring States over shorter lines.

He also contrasts the cost of the Manchester ship canal, seventy-five million dollars—serving seven and a half millions of people, with the cost of the proposed Cape Fear improvement, which will serve two millions of people. He said that if the British could value an Englishman for such purposes at ten dollars per head, the American Government might afford to value an American at 68 cent per head, which would be the cost per head of people severed by the Cape Fear River scheme.

Senator Simmons and Representative Pou were present and say that the committee was most favorably impressed by Major Hale's speech and elaborate maps and telling exhibits were handed the committee as the argument proceeded. It was a great presentation of a scheme which means much for our State.

It will be recalled that this plan has the endorsement of our legislature.

During the discussion of the pension bill in the House today, Congressman Rixey, of Virginia, stated that North Carolina spent \$100,000 in pensions for ex-Confederates, giving to expansionists from \$14 to \$52. This was such a glaring misstatement that the talented young member from the Raleigh district, Hon. E. W. Pou, could not allow it to go unchallenged. He secured recognition and in a vigorous two minutes' speech, in which he had the undivided attention of the House, showed that our State spent \$200,000 in pensions to our soldiers, giving to each pensioner from \$20 to \$120. Mr. Pou is one of the ablest young men our State ever sent here, and he will be heard from in due time.

A party of Congressmen seemed to be surprised a day or two ago when Hon. W. W. Kitchen, of the Fifth District, told them that four per cent of the receipts of internal revenue paid by Durham last year would erect the building asked for by him for that town, or that the net profits of the postoffice there for last year would pay interest on a sum sufficient to erect four such buildings. Mr. Kitchen has this and the Winston Bill much at

heart. Senator Simmons will introduce the Durham bill in the Senate tomorrow.

President pro tem Frye called Senator Simmons to the chair and our Senator presided during most of today's session of the Senate. He presided like a veteran. This is an unusual honor, as no other Senator has been called to the chair during this Congress.

The delegation Winston-Salem ladies will arrive tonight to invite President Roosevelt to attend the centennial celebration of Salem Female Academy. Senators Simmons and Pritchard and most, if not all, the House delegation will accompany the ladies to the White House tomorrow. Senator Pritchard arrived today and found a great array of the faithful anxiously and impatiently awaiting his arrival. North Carolina Republicans are here in force. But there were no new developments today in the District Attorneyship fight.

CORONATION EMBASSY.

American Envoys at the Crowning of King Edward.

Washington, Jan. 14.—The special embassy to represent the United States at the coronation of King Edward VII of Great Britain was announced by Secretary Hay today after the meeting of the Cabinet. The embassy is as follows:

Special Ambassador—Whitelaw Reid, of New York.

Representative of the United States Army—General James H. Wilson, United States Army, of Delaware.

Representative of the United States Navy, Capt. Charles E. Clark, late of the battleship Oregon and now Governor of the Sailors' Home, Philadelphia.

The secretaries to the embassy will be J. P. Morgan, Jr., of New York; Edmund Lincoln Baylies, of New York, and William Wetmore, son of Senator Wetmore, of Rhode Island.

Instead of selecting one person to represent the United States the President has chosen three distinguished men, equally prominent in their various fields.

Mr. Reid is editor of the New York Tribune, and was representative of this Government on the occasion of the Queen's Jubilee ceremonies. His diplomatic experience as Minister to France renders him especially qualified to meet the requirements of the new post.

Captain Clark is famous as the commander of the Oregon on her memorable trip from the Pacific to Cuban waters and also during the Santiago sea fight.

General Wilson is a distinguished soldier of both the Civil and Spanish Wars.

The members of the embassy were the personal choice of the President and are expected to be most acceptable to King Edward. Mr. Reid has a large fortune and will be able to entertain in a lavish manner. He will probably engage a handsome residence for the coronation. Congress appropriated \$10,000 to cover his expenses at the Jubilee, but in addition Mr. Reid spent about \$20,000 of his own money. The expenses of General Wilson and Captain Clark will probably be paid out of some contingency fund of the Government if no sum is appropriated by Congress. The income of neither would permit of his accepting the detail unless the Government paid a part of the expenses.

Failed to Fly and Trouble Followed.

A recent dispatch from Kingston, Ontario, says:

At a meeting of Free Methodists at Verona, one of the brethren declared he could fly, and proceeded to demonstrate his power.

He launched into space and his head came in contact with a large coal oil lamp. The lamp fell to the floor and the oil ignited.

At one time five men and three women were on fire, and five out of the eight were seriously burned. The flames spread and caused a panic. Many were injured in the stampede.

STATE NEWS.

Short Items of Interest Clipped and Culled From Our State Exchanges.

Smallpox has again made its appearance at Kinston.

There is a case of scarlet fever in Bingham school at Asheville.

Tuesday the city of Asheville voted \$200,000 in bonds for a new water supply.

Governor Aycock spoke on the imperative need of public education before the Charlotte Chamber of Commerce Tuesday night.

The Monarch roller mills at High Point were burned Friday. The mill was insured for \$3,000, estimated to be half the value.

Charles O'Brien, buyer for the American Tobacco Company at Winston, has been ordered to Turkey where he will continue in the service of the same company.

The nineteenth volume of the State Records, compiled by Judge Walter Clark, has appeared. There will be only one more volume, and then the general index.

The Wayne County Board of Education at its meeting this week apportioned \$2.00 per capita to the school children of the county. This will give four and one-half months' school.

The mayor and chief of police of Elizabeth City have brought suits for \$10,000 each against the Citizens committee, owing to the latter's charges against the mayor and chief in the Nellie Cropsey matter.

The town of Bellhaven in Beaufort county, has voted for a special tax of 30 cents on property and 90 cents on the poll to supplement the public school fund. There were but two votes cast against the special tax.

J. L. Love, formerly conductor on the Carolina Central, has entered suit at Wilmington against the Seaboard Air Line in the sum of \$100,000 for injuries received in an accident to a freight train of which he was conductor near Cronly, on December 20th, 1900.

The famous Liberty bell passed through a part of North Carolina last week en route from Philadelphia to the Charleston exposition. The bell and the committee accompanying it were given ovations at Asheville and along the railroad line between Tennessee and Asheville.

Houston Merrimon, of Asheville, who was shot and seriously injured about two months ago by a young girl whose ruin he had accomplished, has recovered. He was teller and assistant cashier in the Blue Ridge National Bank at the time of the trouble but on the same day his resignation was offered and accepted.

The report of the Monroe dispensary for the past year shows gross sales amounting to \$21,957.67. The net profits for the year were \$6,000 and of this amount the town of Monroe received \$1,601.63, the county school fund \$1,601.63, the chain gang \$1,601.63 and the Monroe graded schools received \$1,195.11.

The trustees of the State Normal and Industrial College for women at Greensboro have decided to make extensive improvements of the grounds, which are now very bare and unprepossessing. George Foster Peabody has given \$10,000 for a park there. Of this \$5,000 is to be expended for the above improvements.

At High Point Sunday of last week a Mrs. Day was found dead in bed. She and her husband had separated and the day before had divided their household effects.

There was some suspicion of foul play and the coroner was summoned, but as there was no evidence to support the suspicion no inquest was held. The woman is supposed to have died of heart disease. Last Thursday a young daughter of the deceased died and it is said her death was caused by the shock of her mother's death.

The building occupied by the Carolina Buggy Company and the market house at Scotland Neck were destroyed by fire early Wednesday morning. The Buggy Company's loss is \$1,800 to \$2,000 with \$900 insurance. The market house was valued at \$800 and insured for \$500.

Mess. Hood & Britt, general merchants of Goldsboro, made an assignment Friday morning, naming Capt. J. E. Peterson as assignee. Liabilities estimated at \$10,000, with assets probably half that sum. They had done business in Goldsboro for twenty years. They did an extensive time business and their failure is due to poor collections.

Hester McLachlin, a young white man, has been convicted of burglary in the second degree at Wilmington and sentenced to ten years in the penitentiary. The only thing which saved him from the scaffold was the failure to prove that he broke into the house. The man who occupied the residence could not swear that the door was locked.

Gov. Aycock last week pardoned Cal Lay, a woman who is serving a 12 months' sentence in Mitchell county jail. The old woman is 70 years old and was convicted of retailing liquor. She has served four months and her health is so broken that her release was asked for. The pardon was urged by a petition signed by many prominent citizens.

A VERY OLD CHURCH.

A North Carolina Federal Officeholder who Preaches Between Times.

A recent Washington letter to the Charlotte Observer contains the following which may interest Herald readers:

It is perhaps so unusual to hear of a man filling a government position spending his leisure time preaching the gospel that an exception may be worth notice. Such an exception is found in the person of J. A. Ashburn, of Surry county, who has a position as doorkeeper of the Senate wing of the capitol. Instead of returning to his home to have a good time as did most all other of the employees at the capitol, Mr. Ashburn spent the holidays preaching in Delaware and New Jersey. Last Sunday Mr. Ashburn, who is a Primitive Baptist, preached in what Benedict's history declares is the oldest Baptist church in the United States. The church is at Newark, Del. It was organized in Wales in 1701 and was brought to this country in the ship "James and Mary," bringing not only the minister, but the brick also of which the building had been erected. The ship landed at New Castle, Del., and soon after the brick were carried on the backs of mules a distance of some ten miles to the present location. In later years the church was rebuilt, but a portion of the original brick are still in the building.

Emperor William, of Germany, made a request that Miss Roosevelt, daughter of the president, be allowed to christen his new yacht, which will be launched at New York. The president acquiesced and Emperor William sent a cablegram Saturday extending thanks for the courtesy and saying that he would send his yacht Hohenzollern, with Prince Henry, of Prussia, as his representative at the launching. President Roosevelt sent a reply cablegram assuring the emperor of his pleasure at his action and extending best wishes to the emperor and the German people.

Don't Live Together.

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NATIONAL CAPITAL AFFAIRS.

Items of Interest from Washington City.

Some of the Week's Happenings in and out of the Halls of Congress.

The Director of the Census announced Monday the percentage of increase of population in different parts of the country, showing for the last decade a rapid decrease from previous rate of growth of population in the West, a less marked, but decided decrease in the North, and a slight in the South. For the first time in the history of this country the population of the South has increased some more rapidly than that of the North. The East geographically is included in the term North, West and South is far more nearly the same than it ever has been.

Senator Hoar has introduced a resolution providing for the appointment of a committee of seven Senators to examine into the conduct of the war in the Philippines, the administration of the government there and the condition and character of the inhabitants, said committee to have power to send for persons and papers, to administer oaths and to sit during the sessions of the Senate.

Secretary Root has sent to Congress estimates of \$307,000 for the defenses of the Island of Guam and \$526,000 for the defenses of Hawaii. The defenses of Guam are to include a seacoast battery, \$142,000; defensive sites, \$45,000, and torpedo batteries, mines, etc., \$125,000.

The defenses of Hawaii are to include those about Honolulu and Pearl Harbor. General Gillespie, Chief of Engineers, states in the estimates that these defenses are urgently needed to protect newly acquired territory of the United States and to prevent the interruption of cable communication, these islands being in the line of the projected cable.

Mr. Rixey, of Virginia, on Monday caused something of a stir on the Democratic side by advancing a proposition to open the doors of national soldiers' homes to ex-Confederates and to furnish Federal aid to State Confederate homes. Mr. Richardson of Alabama, was the only Democrat who joined Mr. Rixey in support of it.

Representative Wood, of California, has written a letter to the chairman of the House Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce, calling attention to the alarming number of railway accidents in various parts of the country and suggesting that Congress should inquire into the causes and provide legislative remedies as far as these are possible. Mr. Wood points out that Congress brought about the use of uniform safety coupling devices, and he says it should require railway systems engaged in interstate commerce to adopt the amplest means of protecting the public against accidents.

Marriage Licenses.

For the week ending January 12, marriage licenses were granted the following white couples:

J. M. Driver and Ellie Pearce, B. B. Broughton and Bettie Creech, Jack Cook and Maggie Mitchener, D. B. Bathea and Louisa Carroll, Tharcy Batten and Maggie Pike, Luther A. Johnson and L. Cestial Lee, Alex Dupree and Ora L. Barbour, John W. Baker and Amanda Evans, Charlie Pool and Ida Enns, J. C. Price and Ludella Jones, Quinnie Talton and Bettie Hinnant.

Heads Should Never Ache.

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GENERAL NEWS.

A Partial List of the Week's Happenings Throughout the Country.

Ex-Governor McCreary has been chosen for U. S. Senator by the Kentucky legislature. He will succeed senator Deboe, Republican.

The Hamilton club, of Chicago, will entertain Admiral Schley on the night of the 25th and a public reception will take place on the 27th. Great preparations are being made for the event.

Richard Croker has retired from the formal leadership of Tammany Hall and is succeeded by Lewis Nixon. Nixon is a Virginian and was born in Leesburg in that State, in 1861.

Jim Mays, a negro, charged with assaulting Lula Jeans, the daughter of Joseph Jeans, a prominent farmer near Simonsville, six miles from Springfield, Ky., was taken from jail by a mob early Saturday and hanged to a tree in the high school yard.

The yacht Hohenzollern, of Emperor William, of Germany, will go to New York to participate in the launching of His Majesty's new yacht. Prince Henry of Prussia, brother of the Emperor, will also be present at the ceremony as the representative of Emperor William.

Seven lives were lost in a fire in Broadway, N. Y., at an early hour Sunday morning. The Pearlstins and other family lived in rooms above a shoe store and were asleep when the fire started. One of those who escaped admitted that he had dropped a lamp, which started the fire.

The state senate of Mississippi has endorsed a resolution endorsing the decision of Admiral Dewey in the Schley court of inquiry and declaring that no text books should be used in the schools in that state "that give to any other officer than Admiral Schley credit for the victory off Santiago."

The Chicago board of trade passed resolutions Monday calling upon congress to reopen the Schley case and make its own decision as to who was in command at the battle of Santiago. The Maryland legislature has also passed a resolution asking congress to adopt the Dewey report.

At Chattanooga, Tenn., Thursday, the students of the medical department of Grant University, in mass meeting, by a unanimous rising vote, asked the trustees of the university to dispense with the services of Rev. R. J. Cooke, professor of historical theology, for his attack on the Daughters of the Confederacy in a religious paper.

Franklin J. Moses, Governor of South Carolina in the days of the carpetbaggers, was sentenced to four months' imprisonment in Boston last week for the larceny of an overcoat. Moses has served a term or two in the penitentiary since he disgraced the office of Governor of the Palmetto State, and has sunk to the lowest depths of degradation.

A book entitled "Schley and Santiago" is in press in Chicago and will be issued within ten days. The author is George E. Graham, a war correspondent, who had exceptional facilities for gathering materials, as he was on board the Brooklyn during the fight with the Spanish fleet and was thus in position to tell the story of Santiago "without fear or favor." The book is said to have the unqualified endorsement of Rear Admiral Schley, who read and corrected the proof sheets.

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