

Scott Crushed to Earth Is Up Again-- Is Going After Chaingang In New Bill

Assured That He Will Have Co-Operation In Its Passage and Be Able to Put It Through, Tells Correspondent of Advance.

LOOKSLIKE SCOTT MAY LAUGH LAST

At Any Rate Those Who Favor Chaingang System Can Be Sure His New Move Is No Joke.

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(Advance Staff Correspondent)
Raleigh, N. C., January 22, 1917—Representative Scott again started his policy of abolition of some of Pasquotank's local laws yesterday afternoon when he introduced a bill to do away with the chain gang of his county. The bill was referred to the committee on city town and counties. Scott says his bill is a fair one and he has no doubt it will pass both Houses without any trouble. Already he has been doing some outside work and is assured of its favorable report by the committee and its passage in the House.

The most important measures introduced this morning and yesterday were the workmans compensation act; a bill to do away with capital punishment; a bill to appoint a committee to investigate the establishment of a state printing plant. Representative Stubbs of Martin is working on his bill for a constitutional convention and he promises to introduce same within a few days. It is probable the bill will meet a close fight, as it requires a two thirds vote of both houses to pass it. North Carolina has not had a constitutional convention in forty years. Stubbs claims that in this respect it is fifteen years behind any other state of the Union.

The Senate and House each adjourned after a short session this a. m. to meet again to-morrow at three o'clock.

CALM BEFORE STORM

An oppressive calm has pervaded the state capital and the halls of capitol building for the past week. And the members of the general assembly are looking forward for the proverbial storm which follows a calm. This storm is anticipated to break in a number of bills to come out of committees in the next few days. Among these and most important are the following: A bill introduced by Roberts of Buncombe to grant equal suffrage to women in municipal elections; a bill to establish a commissioner of prohibition in the state, along with other provisions of the anti saloon bill; a bill by Mr. Page to make the county board of education chosen by the electorate of the people; a bill by Dr. Griffin, of Chowan, to establish a no fence law in the counties of the east; and the fish bill.

Roberts proposes in his bill to permit any city in the state upon a petition of one tenth of the qualified voters of that city to hold a special election as to whether or not women of that city shall be entitled to vote. It has met with favor among the members and its passage is almost assured. No strong desire suffragists but a promise of some activity on their part is assured in the next few days. Many who object to the granting of the ballot to the women in its entirety are in favor of letting the cities decide for themselves whether or not they wish the women to share in the municipal government.

I. P. Davis has taken espe-

cial pains it seems to hide himself from either branch of the general assembly since the night of the caucus, and it is a question among the legislators as to why he should have hidden himself. In an interview with the News and Observer correspondent the other day he stated that he had no doubt as to the passage of his bill as it was drawn. Members of the general assembly state that it will never pass either branch of the legislature without some considerable amendments. The Advance correspondent has yet to find a single member who is in favor of the ouster law and the prohibition commissioner. With these two sections of the bill set aside, it is probable it would pass. At any rate there promises to be heated debate on both sides of the question when it comes up, and the gallery attendance promises to be a record one.

Wednesday night is the time set for a caucus of the members of the house on the education bill. Many already state that they will not attend, as they do not wish to be bound by the action of any caucus on a matter so vital to the interest of the people of the state. There is strong sentiment in favor of the bill to elect the county board of education by the people, and some have gone so far as to request that the county superintendents be included in this, but the old conservative members have yet failed to express themselves as to which side they will take. Governor Bickett and other state officers have said that they were not in favor of the bill as it would necessarily put the school in politics. This has been rebutted by the Republicans who say that a majority, tho they be Republican, should be permitted to select those who control their school affairs. Many Democrats are of the same opinion as the Republicans.

Dr. Griffin's bill to stop all forms of four legged animals from running at large in the eastern counties of the State will probably meet its death in the committee room. From the eastern section there cannot be found a single representative except Dr. Griffin that is in favor of its passage. A number of Western men have been talked to on the subject. They say that they have as good stock laws as they want for their section, and will not force upon the east any legislation which they do not want.

Several meetings of those from the fishing counties have been held, and it thought some definite plan for amendment or repeal has been reached. There seems to be no fight at this time against the state wide fish bill as it was passed at the last legislature, but the administration of that law is going to be strongly punctured when the debate comes up. It is claimed by the fishermen that more than twice the amount necessary to put in force the present law has been expended by those who are now in charge, and a supreme effort will be made to establish a more economical basis

for the enforcement of the law. Many of the representatives from fishing counties are complaining that there has not been in their section any one connected with the fish commission or the board of fisheries commission in the past eight months. It is claimed by many that the money appropriated and the tax collected has given out with the exception of one thousand dollars, which is being held so as to show a surplus when a report is made to the general assembly. The fish representatives claim that extravagance has been the principal accomplishment of the present administration of the fishing laws. There is no question but that many amendments will be made in the present law to the end of getting a more economical administration of same in the future.

MONDAY MORNING SESSION

Of course it was more a question of safety first than any disrespect, meant or implied, for a lady that made the upper house of the General Assembly Monday table the resolution—offered by request by Linn of Rowan, who said that he intended to vote against it—extending an invitation to Miss Kate Barnard of Oklahoma to address the legislature at her convenience. The senate remembers having extended like invitations to William Jennings Bryan and Secretary of the Navy Josephus Daniels who could not accept. It evidently isn't going to extend any more invitations merely as a matter of courtesy. There was no discussion; and none favored extending the invitation.

Linn of Rowan also introduced a bill for the appointment of a commission to report to the next General Assembly on the advisability of the establishment of a State printing plant to print public school text books and the State documents now handled on contract.

Brentler of Mecklenburg offered a bill for the establishment of State reformatories for fallen women and a workmen's compensation act.

A forecast of the trouble ahead of the state-wide cemetery bill was given by a petition of Miss Lida T. Rodman, State regent of the Daughters of the American Revolution, presented by Senator Warren, asking that the General Assembly hold up the bill. She stated that she was speaking for the State's patriotic societies, whose work the bill would according to her, undo.

The framer of the bill, Representative Mathews of Mecklenburg, insists that his measure is merely to provide machinery for the removal of bodies from graveyards by counties, who have hitherto been forced to have a bill passed by the General Assembly in every individual instance of such removal.

REPRESENTATIVE SCOTT ENTERTAINS

Representative Scott of Pasquotank entertained a number of his friends Saturday evening at a dinner given at Giersh's hotel. Those present were Representative Stubbs of Martin; Pharr of Charlotte; Dalton of High Point; Hinton of Gates, and Ex-Sheriff Crawford of Martin. An elaborate layout was given the gentlemen, and all reported a most enjoyable occasion.

Operation Successful

Mr. Will Twiddy left Tuesday afternoon for Norfolk to meet Mrs. Twiddy and his little girl. The little girl is getting along nicely after an operation following the ill effects of infantile paralysis.

Deputy Fish Commissioner C W Morgan of Hertford was in the city Tuesday on business

HIT BY HAY NECK BROKEN

NEGRO THE VICTIM OF UNUSUAL ACCIDENT AT HERTFORD SATURDAY AT WINSLOW & WHIT'S SALE STABLES

David Newby, colored, and between forty and fifty years of age, was accidentally killed at Hertford Saturday when a bale of hay fell on him, breaking his neck.

Newby lived in Chowan county and was in Winslow & White's sale's stables, presumably with a view to purchasing a horse or horses for his farm. As he walked through the passageway of the stable a bale of hay was thrown from the loft, striking the unfortunate negro on the head and dislocating his neck. Paralysis followed instantly and Newby died within twenty-four hours.

Y. M. C. A. Activities

The Champions and Lions met in a lively game of indoor baseball at the Y. M. C. A. yesterday afternoon and the final score was 8 to 7. Wednesday the Sliders play the Tigers at 3:45 p. m.

There are only a few more games to be played in the Grammar School Baseball League Schedule after which the three leading teams of the League will play for the Championship of the Grammar Schools in a Night Schedule in the Y. M. C. A. Gymnasium.

The High School Basketball Team is practicing hard to get in shape for the future games and a great improvement is being shown. Mac McMullan, formerly of Hertford is on the High School squad.

The Girls Basketball Team of the High School is trying to arrange a return game with the Hertford High School Girls Team for Friday night of this week. The local team defeated the Hertford team a couple of months ago by the score of 4 to 3. Since then the Hertford team has been practicing hard and the other day defeated the Edenton High School Girls, 8 to 5 at Edenton. The local team has also been practicing hard and the game should be a good one if it can be arranged.

Calls For Records

(By United Press)
New York, Jan. 23—Attorney Whipple of the Note Leak Committee called for the clearing house records today and named some of the big consumers. President Nobel of the Stock Exchange promised the clearing records.

Whipple threatened to send the committee into every brokerage house if the records of the house were not produced.

Explosion In Muniton Plant

(By United Press)
London, Jan. 24—Sixty-nine killed, 72 seriously injured and 328 hurt in an explosion in a muniton plant here Friday is the report today.

MOVED HERE FROM HERTFORD

Attorney P. W. McMullan and family of Hertford have moved here and will make their home on West Church street.

Mr and Mrs Ray Kramer went to Norfolk Monday

President's Speech As Weighed By The Press

Styled Variously As Utopian, German, A Great Step, or too Advanced. Both Lauded and Criticised

(By United Press)

Planning For Washington

The Boy Scout Troop met at the Y. M. C. A. last Friday night and went over the details of the trip to Washington. 17 Boys signified that they were going to make the trip. Melick Blades, Patrol Leader, Oscar Gregory, Assistant Patrol Leader, Clyde Gregson, Ray Quinn, Francis Seyfert, Ernest Williams' George Modlin, Troop Scribe, Raleigh Bradley, Charlie Bell, Haywood Duke, William S. Chesson Jr., Charles Seyfert' Patrol Leader, Archie Sanders, Richard Jennings, Selden Lamb, Patrol Leader. One or two of the parents have signified their intentions of going.

In a letter from the Scoutmaster at Hampton, Va. says that he has asked the Department for 90 cots to be used by the Scouts at Washington. The cots will be placed in a Pariah House of one of the churches at Washington and the parents can rest assured that the boys will be taken care of. Secretary Woodhouse of Suffolk who is also a Scout Master will hike to Washington the week previous to the inauguration. The Hampton and Elizabeth City Scouts will assist the Washington Scouts in handling along the line of parade. Every boy going from Elizabeth City must have passed the test and become a full fledged Tenderfoot. The money for reservation on the boat and for stateroom should be in the hands of Mr. Ford February 1st instead of February 4th as previously announced.

The Scout Troop will meet next Friday night for drill so that they will be able to march properly. Lieut. J. Kenyon Wilson will instruct them in drill on Friday night of this week and every scout is requested to be present especially those going to Washington. The meeting will be called for 7:30.

Employment For Guardsman

(By United Press)
Washington, Jan. 23—The United State Employment Bureau has completed plans with the War Department to obtain employment for guardsmen returning from the border who are out of work.

CHRIST CHURCH

Mr. W. W. Robertson addressed the congregation of Christ Church Sunday morning on the Pension Fund which the church is trying to raise by March first to provide for its disabled and aged ministers, their wives and children. Mr. Robertson made a strong presentation of the matter, and the cause has been stoutly championed by the laymen of the Church. Mr. J. T. McCabe is chairman of the local committee. This Church is assessed \$2000, which is payable in installments covering five years. It is reported that over four thousand has already been pledged at Edenton. A meeting of the vestry will be held tonight at 7:30 to discuss and arrange for the canvass in this Parish. Every vestryman is urged to attend.

Judge G. W. Ward is attending Court in Hertford this week.

Washington, Jan. 23—"Upon the liberals of the world, the friends of humanity and not upon individuals who hold temporal power, depends the decision whether peace in Europe shall be based upon equality, and rendered safe from future aggression."

This is regarded as the conviction that prompted President Wilson to deliver his epoch-making address yesterday.

The President is now waiting to hear how this pronouncement was received by belligerents. He anticipates objection but feels that, as in the case of his first note to belligerents, after the message has had time to seep into the minds of the governments and peoples concerned, it will appeal more strongly.

He believes that it will add materially to the momentum of peace discussion. His frank admission that he speaks for the "silent mass of mankind everywhere who are yet unable to peak their real hearts" shows, it is believed today, where the President expects to get the needed support for his program.

FRENCH FRANKLY CRITICAL

This morning's reports from Paris state that the French are frankly critical of Wilson's address. All editorials in their newspapers agree in the general belief that the message was not without merit but they adjudge it "Utopian" because it applies to Germany and pan-Germanism. They say that they are surprised that the President cannot recognize the criminal from the victim and hold that the President's international law scheme should parallel the ordinary criminal code.

AMERICAN PRESS DIVIDED

With a few exceptions the press of this country hailed Wilson's speech as a great step in the history of the nation and of the world. Editorial comment today showed political and party division, some Republican papers attacking him bitterly while others merely expressed fear that his advanced idealism would lead to misunderstanding abroad and dispute at home.

To certain extent there was division in the Democratic press. The majority of Democratic editors lauded the President's intent but the Louisville Courier declared that the speech was the proposal of a transcendental dreamer.

SENATE WILL DISCUSS MONDAY

Senator Cummins introduced a resolution asking that the President's address be discussed in the Senate Monday, stating that it would be impossible for the Senate to take official action on the questions involved in the address until Wilson had submitted his plans for entering the World's Peace Tribunal to the Senate. The resolution will be voted on to-morrow.

Secretary Lansing stated today that foreign diplomats at Washington had copies of the President's address before its delivery.

Withdrawal Is Now Under Way

(By United Press)

Washington, Jan. 23—The withdrawal of Pershing's forces from Mexico is under way.

The out posts are already drawn in and the general movement northward will follow.