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WILL CONSIDER BEFORE ACTING

General Assembly Then Likely To Take Up Important Measures And Let Others Go

Raleigh, Jan. 5 (By The Associated Press)—Although almost all preliminary organization of both Houses of the North Carolina General Assembly has been completed and everything appears to be in readiness for the legislative mills to grind rapidly, members are giving every indication that the mass of important measures will receive long and careful consideration before any decisive action is taken.

With such an extensive program, which if passed with the defeat of only a few bills would prove too great a burden for the treasury and the State's financial standing, before then, a number of legislators today asserted that in their opinion a full investigation of each proposal would be made, a "small and select portion" enacted and the remainder cast into the waste basket of defeat.

Governor Morrison's State owned shipping line proposal, if adopted, would exact a heavy outlay of preliminary expenditures, it was stated. Among the more important measures which must be considered with the financial cost in view the following were named:

Establishment of a State medical college. Increase in the number of superior court judges; a \$15,000,000 bond issue for continuance of the highway construction program. Improvements sought by the several State educational institutions; changes in the State's taxation system and method of distributing the school equalizing fund. Proposed reforms in the prison system. Increase in the number of juvenile court judges. Measures carrying increased appropriations for various State departments.

Bills are rapidly falling into the hands of the clerk for reading, but only a few of them have been discussed in detail. Opposition to the steamship line will come from the eastern section of the State, it was stated, but the Governor's message is expected by his friends to sweep aside much of the early criticism.

While many legislators are willing to have a committee or commission appointed to investigate the proposal, they are opposed, according to their statements, to granting this body authority to proceed with organization should it be found that the measure would be practical in operation. The report of the committee, they continued, should be presented to the next session for decision as to what steps should be taken.

Governor Morrison and his followers, however, are expected to seek definite legislation to place the ship line in operation as soon as possible after the committee has reached its decision, if the report should be favorable, according to observers.

Members of the highway commission are confident their request for a \$15,000,000 bond issue will be granted. They are pointing to the record of the State in highway building during the past year, approximately 800 miles of hard-surfaced roads having been completed, and the approval, which they maintain, the commission's policies has been given in every section.

The question of establishing a State medical college and its probable location is becoming one of the perplexing problems of the Assembly, with legislators holding many different opinions as to the procedure and policy to be followed in authorizing creation of the institution. Most of the lawmakers have stated they favor establishment of the school, but add they have not yet decided on a definite plan.

Several workmen's compensation bills are being sponsored, but an effort is underway, it was reported, to unite on one measure and urge its passage. The labor element is supporting the measure adopted by the federal in 1921, and again approved last year.

WILL SEEK OPINION OF ADMINISTRATION

Washington, Jan. 5 (By The Associated Press)—The Senate foreign relations committee has decided to secure the opinion of the administration on the Robinson resolution authorizing the President to appoint an American representative on the Reparations Commission before proceeding further with discussion of the measure.

Baggett Introduces Anti-Ku Klux Bill

One Of Other Bills Introduced Provides Punishment For Persons Appearing Masked In Public

Raleigh, Jan. 5 (By The Associated Press)—Senator Baggett today introduced his bill to make it felony for a person to appear off his own premises disguised so as to conceal his identity.

Baggett's measure would exempt persons under eighteen years attending "properly conducted" Hallows-eve parties.

Representative Milliken of Union introduced a bill to provide punishment for persons appearing masked in public.

Other bills introduced included one to create a division in the State Department of Labor with a deaf person at its head; one to reduce the personal property tax exemption; one to ask Congress to support Henry Ford's Muscle Shoals proposal; and one to amend the act relating to alimony without divorce.

ABBOTT VS. PHILLIPS CASE SLACKENS COURT'S PACE

The case of J. Q. A. Wood vs. Joshua Godfrey, which was stricken from the docket Friday, having been settled out of court, was the only one disposed of on that day up to the time this newspaper went to press.

Verdict in the case of R. C. Abbott vs. Phillips & Company, begun Friday, was still pending when this newspaper went to press.

Minister Of Finance Seriously Wounded

Prague, Jan. 5 (By The Associated Press)—Doctor Alois Rasin, Czechoslovakian minister of finance, was seriously wounded by an insurance company employe who fired two shots as the minister was entering an automobile today.

COTTON CONFERENCE TO BE HELD AT MEMPHIS SOON

Washington, Jan. 5 (By The Associated Press)—Announcement of a cotton conference at Memphis early next month to consider the use of calcium arsenate and other means of fighting the boll weevil was made by Secretary Wallace today.

SIXTEEN INDICTED BY FEDERAL GRAND JURY

Cleveland, Jan. 5 (By The Associated Press)—Sixteen members of the wage committee of the National Association of Window Glass Manufacturers and the National Association of Window Workers were indicted by the Federal grand jury today for violation of the Sherman anti-trust laws.

DENY ENGAGEMENT OF THE PRINCE OF WALES

London, Jan. 5 (By The Associated Press)—Current reports of the engagement of the Prince of Wales were officially denied in a statement from York House today.

COMMITTEE READY TO REPORT FARM BILLS

Washington, Jan. 5 (By The Associated Press)—Preparation of farmer credits legislation was virtually completed by the Senate banking committee today, which plans to report two bills, the Capper measure and the Lenroot Anderson bill, tomorrow.

Wants Committee On Governor's Bill

Raleigh, Jan. 5 (By The Associated Press)—A special committee to investigate Governor Cameron Morrison's State shipping line corporation proposal and report back to the next session of the North Carolina General Assembly is favored by E. W. Pharr, representative of Mecklenburg County, he told The Associated Press today.

"WEST OF CHICAGO" MOVES WEST TONIGHT

Charles Jones will be seen tonight in the Fox production, "West of Chicago" at the Alkrama.

The theme of the story can be summed up in the words, "when rogues meet let honest men beware." The scenes are laid along the Mexican border.

Some of the outstanding points in this pleasing photoplay are Charles Jones' daring leap from a horse to a moving train and his laughter-provoking portrayal of a ghost, which sends some wrongdoers better shelter up a dirt road.

Entire Town Burned By Mob

Otter Creek, Fla., Jan. 5 (By The Associated Press)—Two white men, two negro women and a negro man are known to be dead, and it is believed that many other casualties resulted from race trouble during the night at Rosewood, twelve miles from here.

With the exception of three buildings, the entire village was burned by a mob shortly after daybreak, according to available reports.

Rosewood, Fla., Jan. 5 (By The Associated Press)—A race riot has broken out here and three blacks and two whites are dead. Hundreds of armed men last night surrounded a negro house awaiting daybreak. The situation was out of control.

Will Canvass Town For New Members

Ladies' Auxiliary Of Hospital Hope To Bring Number To Five Hundred

The Ladies' Auxiliary of the Community Hospital will canvass the town for new members next week, hoping to reach the five hundred mark.

If this goal can be reached the balance of \$435 on the new ambulance can be paid, and it is very much hoped that there will be a hearty response to the appeal for new members. The annual dues are only \$1, and it is believed that almost every woman feels enough interest in the Community Hospital to manifest it this extent.

The linen shower held by the Auxiliary brought in the following contributions of linen: Thirteen pairs of pillow cases, 36 sheets, 6 bedspreads, 85 bath towels, 80 face towels.

This amount is far from supplying the need, but will, of course, help, and it is hoped that other contributions will be sent in. These will be taken care of and turned over to the Auxiliary if left at the Chamber of Commerce rooms.

Socially the shower was a very pleasant affair, and its only flaw was in the small number attending. Mrs. L. E. Skinner registered the callers as they entered, and the receiving line was made up of Mrs. Fred Davis, Mrs. C. C. Clark, Mrs. R. B. Cotter, and Miss Eloise Robinson, Miss Helen Wood and Mrs. Whit Woodley.

Punch was served by Mrs. W. P. Duff, Mrs. J. C. B. Ehlinghaus, Mrs. Walter Small, Mrs. C. O. Robinson, Mrs. F. G. Jacobs, Miss Mattie Whitehurst.

Mrs. Bessie Stuart and Mrs. R. Cotter had charge of the decorations; the refreshment committee was Mrs. J. W. Modlin, Mrs. Fred Davis, Mrs. R. B. Cotter, Mrs. L. E. Skinner; and the invitation committee, Miss Mary Bright, Miss Eloise Robinson, Mrs. Albert Worth, Mrs. R. B. Cotter, Miss Mattie Whitehurst.

The officers of the Auxiliary are: Miss Eloise Robinson, president; Mrs. R. B. Cotter, vice-president; Mrs. A. B. Houtz, secretary; Mrs. R. J. Cohoon, treasurer.

Bandits And Officers Wounded In Battle

Sloux City, Iowa, Jan. 5 (By The Associated Press)—A bandit and three officers were wounded in a fight today between bank robbers and authorities at Maurice. The bandits in the raid on the Sloux County Bank failed to get any loot. The bandits escaped.

To Hang Tuesday

London, Jan. 5 (By The Associated Press)—The home office has declined to grant reprieve in the cases of Mrs. Edith Thompson and Frederick B. Waters, convicted and sentenced to death for the murder of Percy Thompson, the woman's husband, and the "wo will be hanged Tuesday.

M'BEES RESIGNS FROM HIGHWAY COMMISSION

Raleigh, Jan. 5 (By The Associated Press)—John C. M'Bees, member of the State Highway Commission, Eighth District, resigned when a delegation requested the Governor to dismiss him on charges of discrimination in road building.

W. G. Malone, day clerk at the Southern Hotel, is back from a holiday visit to his parents at Petersburg.

Give Bible And Flag To Primary School

Formal Presentation Made By Junior Order Next Tuesday Afternoon

On Tuesday, January 9, at 3:30 p. m., Worth Bagley Council No. 60, Jr. O. U. A. M., will present to the Elizabeth City Primary School a Bible and flag.

The Bible and the flag are now at the Carolina Banking & Trust Company in the care of State Council Treasurer Gurney P. Hood.

Rev. C. A. G. Thomas of Rocky Mount, a former pastor of the First Baptist church of this city, will make the presentation address, which will be followed by a talk by State Councilor P. S. Carlton of Salisbury.

The presentation exercises will be held in the high school auditorium, and the public is very cordially invited.

On Tuesday evening at 7:30 Worth Bagley Council will hold its annual meeting in the Junior Hall, and at this time State Councilor Carlton will make an address on "The Principles and Purposes of the Order." Each Junior is invited to bring his wife to this meeting, or if for any reason he can't bring his wife, he is asked to bring a friend.

Worth Bagley Council has recently taken on new life, quite a number of new members joining the order within the last few weeks.

At the last meeting on Tuesday, January 2, the following officers were installed for the ensuing term: J. H. Scarborough, C.; J. E. Corbett, V. C.; Rev. E. F. Sawyer, Chaplin; W. L. Hill, Jr., P. C.; J. W. Alexander, R. S.; B. S. Sawyer, Ass't. R. S.; Kenyon Bailey, F. S.; W. S. Cartwright, Treas.; B. S. Harris, Can.; W. E. Hendrix, Ward; G. W. Swain, J. S.; L. C. O'Neal, O. S. Trustees: J. E. Corbett, W. S. Swain, J. W. Johnson.

Difficult To Check The List Of Missing

Keiso, Wash., Jan. 5 (By The Associated Press)—The number of known deaths from the collapse of the bridge Wednesday night has increased to two with the death of Harry Kirk, one of the injured, and the list of missing persons today stood at twenty-three. The latter was compiled with difficulty, checks by employes of transients continuing to add names of men who failed to report for work.

CRISSINGER TO BE HEAD FEDERAL RESERVE BOARD

Washington, Jan. 5 (By The Associated Press)—Comptroller of Currency Crissinger will be nominated governor of the Federal Reserve Board within a few days, according to high administration information.

FIRE THURSDAY NIGHT

An alarm from Box 16 at 10:45 Thursday night called the fire company to a house on Walnut street owned by C. P. Harris and occupied by Willie James, colored. It was a chimney fire and was extinguished with chemicals. There was no damage.

MODOC READY TO SAIL

Wilmington, N. C., Jan. 5 (By The Associated Press)—The Coast Guard cutter, Modoc, is ready to sail to intercept the German steamship suspected to have Grover Bergdoll aboard.

CALVERT CRARY SUNK BY ARM AND HAMMER

The tug boat, Calvert Crary, recently purchased by Seligman, Williams & Ball of South Mills, and operated from their timber land in Dare County, was run down and struck by the Arm and Hammer, another tug owned by the same company, at 4:15 Thursday morning in the Sound three miles from the North River beacon light.

The Calvert Crary was struck in the bow and although pumps were set going at once and every effort made to prevent her sinking, she went down at 5:30.

No one was hurt and the crew came to Elizabeth City aboard the Arm and Hammer, reaching here at 10:30 Thursday morning.

Capt. Charles Parker was master of the Calvert Crary and Capt. Gid Hughes of the Arm and Hammer. The captains were asleep and the mates were at the wheel when the accident occurred.

Grave Of Sailor Is Guarded Today

New York, Jan. 5 (By The Associated Press)—The grave of James Jones, sailor at the National Cemetery in Brooklyn, is guarded today because of reports that William Williams, special agent of the Treasury Department, would seek legal permission to open the coffin to see if any part of the Russian crown jewels had been secreted there.

The jewels, according to a copyrighted story in the Chicago Daily News, were smuggled into the country in September, 1920, in the coffin of Jones, who died on the transport Edellyn at Gibraltar.

PREMIERS MEETING BREAKS UP ENTIRELY

Paris, Jan. 5 (By The Associated Press)—The premiers meeting has broken up with absolute disagreement between the British and French. Alliance between the two countries is broken and the situation is serious.

SAYS CONFERENCE AT WASHINGTON

London, Jan. 5 (By The Associated Press)—The Berlin correspondent of the Central News Agency from well informed sources that in accordance with the request by the British Wednesday the United States intends to call an international conference in Washington next week to consider the reparations deadlock. The British foreign office denied that it requested calling the conference.

Washington Denies It

Washington, Jan. 5 (By The Associated Press)—State Department officials today declared positively "there is no truth" to the report that America would call an international conference on reparations at the request of Britain.

TROOPS PATROL LOUISIANA TOWN

Bastrop, La., Jan. 5 (By The Associated Press)—An air of suppressed excitement pervaded this little town as public investigation under civil procedure into the Morehouse kidnappings and murders by masked and white robed men last August got under way today.

Three infantry companies with glistening rifles patrolled the streets, a detachment of cavalry was stationed on the roadway, and a machine gun company guarded the parish prison.

Funeral C. W. Grice

The funeral of C. W. Grice was conducted from the home on Fearing street Friday morning at eleven o'clock by Rev. G. F. Hill, rector of Christ church, assisted by the Masonic Order.

The active pallbearers were: M. R. Griffin, R. B. Martin, D. D. Dudley, Robert Whitehurst, James Whitehurst, Ray Moss, E. F. Aydtlett, Sr., and T. P. Nash, Sr.

The honorary pallbearers were: Dr. L. S. Blades, J. T. McCabe, C. E. Thompson, W. J. Woodley, Sr., Louis Selig, Camden Blades, directors of the Norfolk & Carolina Telegraph & Telephone Company; and John D. Sykes, Evans Blades, Roy Dewey and Harry Dewey, employes of the company.

Mr. Grice was an outstanding figure in the business life of Elizabeth City, it being generally acknowledged that to his energy and judgment was due in large measure the success of the Norfolk & Carolina Telephone & Telegraph Company, of which he was manager from the year 1908 to the time of his death.

Mr. Grice died Wednesday morning at 6:45 at his home on Fearing street after a lingering illness. He was 68 years of age and is survived by his widow, who before her marriage was Miss Mary Alice Kramer of Edenton, and by two brothers, H. C. Grice and F. M. Grice of this city.

COOPER BANK TO REOPEN

Wilmington, N. C., Jan. 5 (By The Associated Press)—T. E. Cooper, president, announces that the Commercial National Bank will reopen and pay depositors in full.

FOR NEW RAILROAD

Charlotte, Jan. 5 (By The Associated Press)—A citizens meeting here last night began the move for a railroad from Taylorsville to Wilkesboro.

Victim Was W. R. Lee

Man Whose Body Was Burned To Crisp In Fire Thursday Washington County Farmer

That to the best of its knowledge and belief the man whose body was found burned to a crisp in a rear window of Self & Warren's lodging apartments above their grocery store when that building was destroyed by fire Thursday morning, was W. R. Lee of Roper, and that the fire was due to an unknown accidental cause was the verdict of the coroner's jury which Friday morning held an inquest over the body.

Those composing the jury were: J. B. Walston, N. S. Leary, Starke Harris, C. D. Bundy, C. E. Benton and J. H. Wilkins. The verdict was returned at noon after an hour's hearing of evidence and of deliberation.

The verdict as to the identity of the victim was based on a telegram to Coroner Dr. I. Fearing from Mayor J. W. Williams of Roper stating that a man by the name of W. R. Lee, weighing about 139 pounds and wearing a khaki suit, the uniform of a United States marine, a soft slouch hat and black gaiter shoes, had left Roper Wednesday for Elizabeth City. In one of the telegrams the underwear worn by Mr. Lee is also described and the fact is mentioned that he had lost all his teeth.

This description tallies exactly with that given by Joe Self, one of the proprietors of the Self and Warren business, so far as weight, outer clothing and teeth is concerned. Mr. Self was positive as to the matter of teeth, he said, because he and the stranger ate supper together. The only part of the man's underwear noted by observers was the drawer leg on the leg outside the window, and that tallied also with the description from Roper. All underclothing had been burned off of the body when it was removed to the undertaker's.

Mr. Self also testified before the jury that the stranger arrived here on the afternoon train Wednesday, which would tally with the statement from Roper as to time Mr. Lee left that place for Elizabeth City.

A theory of robbery that has persisted in view of the fact that the fire seemed to start in an unoccupied portion of the building, was discounted by the further statement in one of Mayor Williams' telegrams that if the body was that of Mr. Lee his people were unable to move the body from Elizabeth City. The body is to be held here for a few days, however, to await further developments at Roper, should there be any. If the body is not claimed by relatives at Roper the body will be buried here at the expense of the County.

After reading the telegrams from Mayor Williams the coroner turned the examination of witnesses over to County Prosecutor P. G. Sawyer. Mr. Self was the first witness examined. In addition to facts already brought out in foregoing paragraphs, Self testified that his guest carried his money in a wallet in the inside pocket of his coat and that he had not seen the coat nor the pocketbook since the fire. However, two observers who saw the coroner search the pockets of the clothing between 8:30 and 9:00 o'clock Thursday morning, after the body had been removed to the undertaker's, saw a marine's coat with the rest of the clothing. At that time a box of snuff and a pipe lay beside the clothing and a match was found in one of the pockets. Self testified that the last time he saw the wallet was when the guest paid him for supper, as the guest had not paid him for lodging. He said that he had never seen the guest's coat or anything that looked like it since the fire, but that in the pockets of the trousers he found a pocket knife and two pistol cartridges.

Mr. Self also explained that the stairway up to the lodging rooms above the store extended into the kitchen at the back of his store, that the door between the kitchen and store was locked that night but that

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TODAY'S COTTON MARKET

New York, Jan. 5.—Spot cotton closed steady, middling 36.75. Futures, closing bid, January 36.34, March 36.74, May 36.88, July 36.88, October 36.75.