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Oyster Industry Killed Overnight By Embargo

Typhoid Scare in Mid-Western Cities Brings About Situation That Arouses Indignation of Oyster Men; Causes Depression of Shuckers and Packers

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Washington, Jan. 22.—Reports reaching here from the lower Potomac and from the Eastern shores of Maryland and Virginia make it clear that the recent typhoid scare in Mid-Western cities followed in some cases by an embargo, has almost killed the oyster industry overnight. The oyster men naturally are very resentful of the reproach laid at the door of the succulent bivalve. They say that Chesapeake Bay oysters were never better, never fatter than this season.

But the oyster boats are tied up at the docks, the oyster houses are closed and thousands of oyster shuckers and packers are out of work in one of the hardest winters the shores of the Chesapeake ever have known.

The state of Maryland is thoroughly aroused over the threat to one of its leading industries and has ordered a complete survey of all the oyster beds lying within state waters. This survey will not start, however, until March 1 at the earliest and will not be completed until the oyster season is at an end. So it will not relieve the situation of the next few months which is spelling ruin to the oyster business. There have been typhoid fears before and occasionally the outbreak of the disease has been laid to oysters. But never before now has there been such an effect upon the business.

Some oyster men are attributing the sudden end to their business to the radio, which has been used by some city officials to broadcast a warning against the oyster. Preparations are being made to reply in kind and next week Swepson Earle, oyster conservation commissioner of Maryland, will deliver an address on the oyster and his present situation through station WCAP in this city.

The old saying that the prophet is not without honor save in his own country, does not apply to the oyster, for over in Baltimore, where more is known about oysters than in any other city in the world, a survey conducted by city authorities, shows there has been no diminution in the use of the bivalves, either raw or cooked. Governor Ritchie, of Maryland, has been particularly disturbed by the charges brought against Maryland's chief seafood product. He is continuing to eat oysters in abundance, not merely to show his confidence in them, but because he likes them and they are a normal part of his diet.

Conditions along the Eastern shore of Maryland are pictured as extremely depressing. At the little oyster town of Crisfield it is stated that 800 boats are either tied up at the docks or anchored in the harbor. Something like 5,000 men are out of work. At all of the other interesting little towns, such as St. Michaels, Wachapreague and Chincoteague, whose oysters are justly famous, conditions are virtually the same. Some of the oyster houses are open to supply local and state consumption, but shipments to the outside stopped overnight. Men and women of the oyster towns are walking the streets stunned by the calamity which has overtaken them. At Chincoteague it is stated there has not been a case of typhoid fever in more than two years.

In any event the typhoid scare has brought a realization to the oyster industry that its product must be certified and this is being prepared for in the future.

Just as Western and Southern citrus growers identify their wares by state names, so will the oyster growers and dredgers in the future identify their products. Instead of being shunned as at present it is predicted the oysters of Chesapeake Bay will be demanded by name in the future.

Dr. John S. Fulton, Maryland commissioner of health, has issued a certified statement to the effect that during the years 1922 to 1924 inclusive no cases of typhoid fever have been attributed to oysters taken in the waters of Maryland. And this in a state which eats oysters as no other state does. In Baltimore City alone 540,000 gallons of oysters are consumed annually.

Call to Bar

An international bar association is the dream of Attorney John A. Cline of Cleveland, president of the Ohio State Bar Association. He is starting a movement that eventually may bring it about. Such an organization, he says, would take over much of the work now done by foreign consuls and eliminate considerable red tape.

DR. BARKWELL BUILDING NEW HOME AT WEEKSVILLE

The new home of Dr. J. H. Barkwell at old Weeksville is nearing completion and will be ready for occupancy within a few weeks.

McLEAN WILL NOT CONSIDER PARDONS

Raleigh, Jan. 22.—Governor McLean will consider no pardons except in the most urgent cases during the next 30 days, he announced last night, because of pressing legislative problems before him.

CHAPMAN IS BACK IN ATLANTA PEN

Atlanta, Jan. 22. — Gerald Chapman, notorious criminal, was returned to Atlanta prison today by Federal officers.

Chapman escaped in March, 1923, and was recaptured in Muncie, Indiana, recently. He was serving 25 years for connection with the $2,000,000 mail robbery.

JURY DISCHARGED IN WEEHAWKEN CASE

Jersey City, Jan. 22.—The jury was unable to agree today in the trial of 12 Weehawken and Jersey City police officials and civilians charged with conspiring to violate state prohibition laws and was discharged by the judge, after being out since yesterday.

SAYS HAYNES AND BLAIR WERE FIXED

Norfolk, Jan. 22.—Chief of Police Hammond of Norfolk testifying at the trial of Rex. D. Swanson and William Baker, charged with prohibition law violation today, said that Baker told him Prohibition Commissioner Haynes and Internal Revenue Commissioner Blair were "fixed" to permit smuggling into Washington for the Shrine convention of 1923.

COMMISSION WILL REPORT NEXT WEEK

Washington, Jan. 22. — The President's agricultural commission expects to submit recommendations for the relief of agriculture next week. The report of the commission is now being drafted.

HOUR OF ROTARY BANQUET MOVED UP TO SIX THIRTY

The hour of the Rotary banquet Friday night of this week has been changed from 7:30 to 6:30 it was announced late this afternoon.

This is the annual ladies night banquet and is to be held in the social hall of the First Methodist Church.

SAYS WORST ROADS IN TWENTY-FIVE YEARS

"I have been carrying mail for 25 years and the roads are in worse shape now than I have ever seen them," Irving Pool, Elizabeth City R. F. D. carrier on route two, said Wednesday.

"The worst route, however, is that of J. C. Jennings in Salem township, "Mr. Pool said. "These are the most recently graded roads."

J. C. James Jr., of Salem township says the roads are worse than he has even known them to be. "I believe the County should have built more nine foot roads, and extended them further. Salem township is the most thickly populated township in the County and has not a foot of paved roads. Of the ten school trucks taking pupils to Weeksville High School only two of them travel any distance to speak of on the paved roads. There has been, of course, considerable trouble in getting the children to school. The youngsters though measure up to the situation in a fine spirit. One of the trucks ditched the other day and the children got out of the truck and together shoved it back in the road. They had the finest time you ever saw."

LOUIS SELIG DEAD

Louis Selig, Elizabeth City jeweler since 1882, died at his home on West Main street Wednesday evening at 7:45 o'clock, a few hours after a stroke of paralysis at his store, corner Main and Water streets in the late afternoon.

Mr. Selig was at The Advance Shop shortly before four o'clock, and was happy at the success that he had had in selling tickets for the Elks Minstrels, scheduled soon to show here. It was upon his return to his store that he was stricken.

Physicians were hastily summoned and were recognized by Mr. Selig, but the symptoms of cerebral hemorrhage were plain and he did not rally. He was therefore taken to his home where death came about two hours later.

Louis Selig was born in Norfolk on October 23, 1860. He came to Elizabeth City at the age of 22 and opened a watch repair shop on the east side of South Water street in the little frame building now standing on the Bradford property opposite the express office, which then stood on the present site of John Wells' printshop. Later he moved to a larger frame building, as his business grew, on the present site of the T. P. Nash feed store on North Water street. From there he moved to the first floor of a brick building on South Water street, which stood on the site of the store now occupied by Moses Glasser, and which, like other buildings in the block at that time, was used as a residence above the first floor. This store was named "The Jewelry Palace." There Mr. Selig remained until the big fire which wiped out the jewelry palace building and others adjacent to it, when he moved across the street into the building now occupied by John Well's printshop. On the completion of the Flora Building in 1900, corner Main and Water streets, Mr. Selig moved into the store the firm now occupies.

Hardly a man in Elizabeth City has been more closely identified with its business and fraternal life than Louis Selig. He was a director of the Norfolk & Carolina Telephone & Telegraph Company, of the Pasquotank Hosiery Company, and of the Savings Bank & Trust Company. He was an Odd Fellow, a member of the Junior Order, a Shriner, a thirty-second degree Mason, and a Kiwanian. Loyal to the faith of his fathers, and a member of Ohef Sholem Temple at Norfolk, he was held in affection and high regard by the Christian people of the city and from varied congregations Wednesday evening came a very multitude to express sympathy for the bereaved family.

The burial service will be conducted in Forest Lawn Cemetery, Norfolk, the funeral party leaving Elizabeth City on the early morning train on Friday.

Louis Selig is survived by his widow and by two sons, Frank Selig, who has been in charge of the jewelry store since his father's health began to fail, and Julian Selig, optometrist.

The pallbearers are: active, Gilbert James, George Bell, George Beveridge, Guy Brockett, W. C. Sawyer, Thorburn Bennett, Ray Kramer, and Duckworth Glover; honorary, J. T. McCabe, Dr. J. H. White, Dr. A. L. Pendleton, P. G. Sawyer, W. J. Woodley, Sr., T. P. Nash, F. M. Grice, Eddie Hughes, Miles Jennings, Harry Johnson, Jerome Flora and W. P. Duff, J. B. Griggs, T. T. Nelson, O. F. Gilbert.

JOHN A. LUTON DEAD

John A. Luton, City Route One, 60 years of age, died Thursday at his home near Simonds Creek after being in failing health for some time. He is survived by his wife, three daughters, Mrs. Philip Cartwright and Miss Margaret and Doris Luton; five sons, U. M. Luton, J. H. Luton, Luther, Henry and Thomas Luton.

NEGRO FARMERS COLLEGE OPENS

Greensboro, Jan. 22. — The North Carolina State Negro Farmers College opened here yesterday, January 21. The program consists largely of lectures and round table discussions on various farm problems.

A feature of the Congress will be the corn show and judging contests. Prices amounting to more than $100 in cash have been offered and indications are that many negro farmers will take part in the contest.

T. S. Inborden of Bricks, is president of the Congress and John D. Ray is chairman of the Negro Club Work f the Agricultural Extension Service. C. R. Hudson is chairman of the executive committee, Dr. G. A. Carver, of Tuskegee Institute, Alabama, is expected to be present and will address the Congress.

Following the meeting of the Congress a meeting of local negro demonstration agents of the Agricultural Service will be held. This meeting will be held Friday and Saturday, January 23 and 24.

Plans for the work to be done during 1925 will be one of the chief matters of business, it is stated. Dr. I. O. Schaub, of State College and C. R. Hudson will address the agents, discussing various phases of their work. Short talks will also be made by the demonstration agents attending the meeting.

BODY BROUGHT HERE THURSDAY

Funeral Presiding Elder R. H. Willis Will be Conducted Friday Morning

The body of Presiding Elder R. H. Willis, who died in a Fayetteville hospital Wednesday, was brought to Elizabeth City on the early train Thursday.

Rev. J. H. Shore, pastor of the Fayetteville Methodist Church and one of Mr. Willis' closest friends, accompanied Mrs. Willis. She was also accompanied by her sister, Miss Alice Blanchard, of Hertford, Mr. and Mrs. Laurence E. Blanchard of Hamlet, Miss Elizabeth Kramer and Willis Kramer. Another brother, Dr. Julian Blanchard of New York City, arrived on the noon train.

The funeral will be conducted in the First Methodist Church at 10:30 Friday morning and interment will be made in Hollywood.

Rev. Robert Henry Willis was born in Warrenton in 1872, the son of Rev. R. A. Willis and Mrs Ella White Willis.

He was graduated from Trinity College and took advanced theological work in Vanderbilt University. In 1896 he joined the North Carolina Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. Before attending Vanderbilt he taught at Plymouth and Kernersville.

After entering the pastorate he served some of the most important charges in the conference, among them Elm City, Morehead City, City Road church at Elizabeth City, Edenton, Tarboro, Littleton, Warrenton District, Oxford station, Elizabeth City District, and for the last two years the Fayetteville District.

He was considered without a superior in the full rounded activities of the ministry. For a number of years he served as Conference Missionary Secretary and since 1911 has been Secretary of the Conference. He has been a member of the General Board of Missions and a member of the General Conferences, the highest body in his church.

In 1907 he was married to Miss Annie Blanchard of Hertford. Besides his widow, he is survived by three sisters, Mrs. J. P. Kramer and Miss Emma Willis of Elizabeth City and Miss Minnie Willis of Fayetteville.

SAY HENDERSON SNOWDEN BEARS GOOD REPUTATION

Powells Point, Jan. 22.—Henderson Snowden, who is being held for murder in Elizabeth City, bears an excellent reputation and is one of the best liked and respected colored men who have ever been known around this section. He has always been known to be quiet and orderly around public places and the people of Lower Currituck have had their sympathy aroused for him. They hope that he will be dealt with as lightly as possible in being punished for the killing of the other negro.

Booster

Vada Watson, 19, of Tulon, Kas., is going to Washington as a special emissary to President Coolidge from her state. She will present to him a box of Kansas wheat and tell him that "Kansas grows the best wheat in the World."

SECRETARY MAY COME FROM WEST

Washington, Jan. 22.—President Coolidge is scanning the region west of the Rockies as well as the Middle West in search for a new Secretary of Agriculture.

All exponents of that post in the past have been Middle Westerners.

Ralph P. Merritt of California, one of the men under consideration, has been interviewed by Secretary Hoover.

UNIDENTIFIED MAN FOUND IN SWAMP

Wilmington, Jan. 22.—The body of an unidentified white man found in a swamp near here yesterday afternoon is baffling the officers who are working on the case.

He apparently had been dead for a week. No motive has been advanced, as a sum of money was found on the body. He had been shot through the head.

POSTAL PAY BILL IS BEFORE SENATE

Washington, Jan. 22.—The postal pay and rate bill is before the Senate today under an agreement giving it privileged status.

The bill as reported by the post office committee provides the same salary increases carried in the measure the President vetoed and provides a general rate increase.

Tardy Recognition To Man Who Saved Lakes

But Edward Cahill Has at Least the Satisfaction of Knowing His Labor Was Biggest Factor in Preventing Destruction Navigation in Great Lakes

By O. L. SCOTT
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Chicago, Jan. 22.—While nations, states and cities wage the greatest legal, legislative and verbal battle of the present day, involving future navigability of the Great Lakes, the man, aged and worn, who started the whole fight between Chicago and North United States, and Canada, Remains obscure, unmentioned and unrewarded.

Is part in this affair, which has aroused more heat than any controversy in years, and which puts at stake hundreds of millions of dollars, may soon receive official recognition as well as some measure of reward from the Wisconsin legislature. And once Wisconsin starts, Canada, the dozen states and the eighty large cities involved may chime in.

But since his work started the battle, Edward T. Cahill, now of Washington, D. C., has never so much as received public mention, he had spent all of his earnings as a Chicago attorney, and almost all of his time for years to bring about the recent verdict of the United States Supreme Court that Chicago was illegally drying up the Great Lakes to avoid the necessity of constructing modern sewage disposal plants.

Ever since 1908 efforts have been made to restrain Chicago from turning huge quantities of water from the Great Lakes into the Desplaines River in order to dispose of her sewage. Cahill was of counsel representing the attorney general of Wisconsin in the action started at that time. He had made the study of navigable waterways and the laws governing them his life work.

The case dragged for years in the courts until finally, just before he retired from the bench, Judge Landis decided that the diversion of water above the war department allotment was illegal. Then in 1921 the supreme court held the Desplaines a navigable river subject to the ordinance of 1787. No one even thought of the import of these cases at the time, except Mr. Cahill who investigated and found that although the cases had been decided against the Chicago position, no judgment had been entered.

Although his funds were exhausted, his health completely broken by overwork in his investigations, which then showed to his satisfaction that Chicago was gradually draining the Great Lakes and causing millions of dollars of loss annually to shipping, Mr. Cahill went to attorney General William J. Morgan of Wisconsin.

Mr. Morgan became interested at once and started the proceedings that have just resulted in a Supreme Court decision holding Chicago to be diverting lake water illegally. Canada, all of the states from Wisconsin to New York along the Northern part of the United States and every large Great Lake city but Chicago, joined in the fray.

As a direct result of Mr. Cahill's unswerving attention to the case, Chicago is to be forced to spend what its engineers estimate will be two hundred millions of dollars on modern sewage disposal plants, and much of the water now being carried away from Lake Michigan in such quantities that the level has dropped nearly a foot, to the detriment of navigation in Lake harbors.

Mr. Cahill, a little aged, broken man, his health and money gone from the years of work he devoted to his researches, had the reward that comes of satisfaction when the Supreme Court upheld his contentions and accepted his facts. Now Wisconsin is to be asked to give official recognition to his work.

STATE'S POULTRY NOT UP TO MARK

Commission Merchants Tell Why Tarheels Can Not Compete With Other States

Raleigh, Jan. 22.—A recent letter from a firm of commission merchants handling North Carolina poultry products tells why they cannot compete successfully with products from other States. It states:

"We may come to your building of appreciation are interested in farmers of North Carolina. We are interested in them too, but find there are some who do not take our advice as to shipments. We have a family shipping us and we find it hard to get them to dress the poultry properly. Most poultry received from them is fat but badly dressed. We are confident they use water too hot and then pack before poultry gets cold. They also pack in paper boxes and when the poultry reaches us it is badly torn. We have also received poultry packed in magazines and other colored or dirty paper. You might write to them that the poultry and ask them to be informed all his kin."

Following the suggestion in the above letter: Most poultry is picked (feathers removed) at the time of killing. If consumed shortly after being killed, it may be either dry or scald picked; but if held for some time, as in storage, it should be dry picked.

The temperature usually used by scald pickers is about 190 degrees F. In scalding, take hold of both head and feet, press the body beneath the water, shoulders first, so that only the steam can penetrate to the skin, while the head unscalded retains its red color. Sometimes the scalded birds are dipped in cold water as a plumping process before picking.

A chicken that is to be dry-picked should be properly dressed so that the feathers may be plucked without pulling the skin. This dehydrating suddenly disturbs the nerve center, which allows the muscles surrounding the feather follicles.

Poultry boxes should be made of odorless, tough, light colored, lightweight wood, similar to egg case material. The boxes should be lined with parchment paper before packing. Do not use printed paper out of magazines and dirty newspapers or even clean newspapers.

The first boxes used for packing poultry were nearly as large as the barrels, holding around 200 pounds. The first small box to be generally adopted was the double layer style, which was later superseded by the single layer style, holding twelve birds to the box.

Boxes are made in such a way as to allow methods of packing whereby the carcasses are forced into blocky, compact forms. This makes them appear plump and puts them in better condition to be handled in the retail market and during preparation for the table.

A list of box sizes, which represents very closely the sizes used by most of the packers has been made up by the National Poultry, Butter and Egg Association, Chicago, Ill. A letter to them will get you full, detailed information.

COSTA RICA HAS LEFT THE LEAGUE

(By The Associated Press)

Geneva, Jan. 22.—Costa Rica today resigned from the League of Nations.

Costa Rica, the first nation to resign from the League gave no reason, but it was assumed that the resignation was due to criticism for failure to pay her assessments voiced during the sessions by the budget committee at the last assembly. Costa Rica fixed January 1 as the date of her resignation but it requires two years notice and she will continue a member until 1927.

Detective

Julius Conch, 13, decided four men he saw leaving a neighbor's house in St Louis were burglars. All carried heavy sacks. So he followed them. They boarded a street car and so did he. Nearing a police station he had the motorman stop while he went in for assistance. His courage and good judgment won him a police department medal. President Beckman of the police board is seen here pinning it on him.

Even If Not Built At Once Chowan Bridge Is Sure

This Is Impression of Ben Dixon McNeill of News and Observer Staff, Who Reported Rally at Edenton Tuesday and Passed Thru City Thursday

Whether the building of a bridge across the Chowan River is begun this year or not, the proposition has won powerful friends and looks now like a certain eventuality in the opinion of Ben Dixon McNeill, of the News and Observer staff, who was in the city Thursday as the guest of R. B. Jones, cashier of the Elizabeth City National Bank.

Mr McNeill came out from Edenton, where he reported Edenton's big Chowan bridge rally and barbecue for the News and Observer. While here Mr. McNeill was taken to South Mills to inspect the Dismal Swamp Canal the purchase of which by the Government is now looked upon as in all probability settled. He left in the afternoon for New Inlet which, opened last year by the State, is already represented as filling rapidly.

Mr. McNeill's report of the big Chowan County Bridge Rally, as it appeared under an Edenton January 20 date line in Wednesday's News and Observer follows:

"Had all members of the General Assembly participated in the Chowan River bridge rally and been partakers of the Chowan County barbecue today the first span of the bridge that will link these northeastern "Lost Provinces" to North Carolina would be in place by tomorrow night and the entire structure guaranteed of completion before the last of the Albemarle shad have gone up the creeks to spawn in April. Not one of the ten somewhat doubtful who came down with misgivings in their minds about the bridge here the week of a doubt left to carry back with them tonight, and the last one of them in the course of the day committed himself in support of some project that will guarantee the construction of the bridge. Few of them are specific about ways and means, but all of them are committed to the bridge.

Counties Combine Energies

"Chowan, Perquimans and Pasquotank combined their energies and their enthusiasm and concentrated them in Edenton. They staged a mass meeting. They served a barbecue. They took the visitors on a boat trip over the site of the proposed bridge. They overwhelmed them with every sort of hospitality and only occasional mention of the need of a bridge. And these counties have understanding in the art of hospitality inherited from centuries back.

"Bertie County, which will have one end of the bridge, was very desirous of attending the festivities, but it could not get a car down to the ferry because of the morass to which the roads have been reduced by five days of rain. They sent telegrams of regret, a great sheaf of them. Judge Frank Winston somehow got a letter through which brought eloquent regret that his person was required elsewhere, though his spirit was in the midst of the mass meeting.

"The partial inundation of these "Lost Provinces" kept the crowd down to something like 2,000. Pasquotank County made the trip in a hastily organized special train. They returned to Elizabeth City this afternoon carrying with them a part of the legislative delegation here for the rally. The rest of the visitors are being entertained at a series of dinners in town tonight, with a dance to round out the festivities.

All of One Opinion

"Although the principal speeches of the day were made by Revenue Commissioner R. A. Doughton, Representative Tam Bowie and Representative Pete Murphy, few of the visitors were neglected in the proceedings. Every man was given an opportunity to make some remarks and they were all of one opinion; namely, that the State will be derelict to its duty if it neglects to build a bridge across the Chowan River. Messrs. Doughton, Bowie and Murphy were emphatic about it and promised to find a way to help build it.

"These formalities were held in the local theater with C. S. Vann presiding. The visitors were welcomed to the city by Frank Wood and a brief response made by Colonel Benehan Cameron, formerly chairman of the State Highway Commission back in the days when people were being led to dream of road buildings. A brief speech was made by Commissioner W. A. Hart, who said [illegible] pleasure from the building of the bridge. It is a way can be found. The orchestra from the [illegible] furnished music for the mass meeting.

Wonderful barbecue

"Later the crowd adjourned to the armory where the barbecue was spread under the direction of a committee of ladies from the town. It was a wonderful barbecue. Afterward the visitors were taken by Deputy Fisheries Commissioner Meeks aboard his boat for a 15-mile trip up the beautiful Edenton Bay and Chowan River to the point where the bridge is proposed to be built. It was a fairly rough day but Captain White brought his passengers back without so much as a tremor of their innards.

"With them went Congressman A. M. Free of California, who is down in these parts for a few days of shooting. He is becoming an enthusiastic Tar Heel because of these trips. He was among the men called on for speeches and he made a tremendous hit when he declared that this part of the state deserved better railroad facilities, and that if he had a certain mineral spring here in Edenton out at Los Angeles 10,000 people would go from North Carolina annually to drink water out of it. He thinks the State needs to advertise a bit.

Will Cost $650,000

"So far not a man has been discovered who is opposed to the bridge, Frank Page, who was unable to attend the meeting today, will be glad to build it and thinks it ought to be built, if money can be found to pay for it without discriminating against any other sections of the state. The main bridge will be 8,000 feet long and constructed of concrete will cost about $650,000. The necessary approaches to the bridge [illegible] will run the cost up to beyond the million mark."

"There has been no argument brought against it as a necessity. It will provide a direct connection between Raleigh and Norfolk reducing the distance approximately 60 miles and bringing this section of the State within 5 hours of Raleigh, whereas it now takes 10 hours to reach the capital from most towns in this section. Whether the bridge is built or not this year is yet to be determined but these people have made themselves valuable allies today and it looks now like a definite eventuality.

SETTLE DOWN TO TASK BEFORE 'EM

Legislators Having Received the Governor's Message Are Trying to Fall Into Line.

Raleigh, Jan. 22.—With the definite policy of Governor McLean before it the Legislature, [illegible] to consider [illegible] recommendations and begin the formulation of legislation to meet his views.

Lieutenant Governor Long and Speaker Chatty conferred with the Governor last night and today prepared to speed up minor measures and get them out of the way of big bills.

Today's session is the last until Friday night, a joint resolution having been passed under which the Assembly will attend the dedication of Memorial Hall at the University of North Carolina tomorrow.

Representatives Bowie and Senator Heath today introduced bills in both houses providing for $30,000,000 additional bond issue for highways.

They would also increase the gasoline tax to four cents a gallon.

Representative Womble introduced a bill creating a State Pardon Board.

LEGISLATORS LOSE AUTOS IN FLAMES

Raleigh, Jan. 22.—Damage estimated at between $225,000 and $250,000, was done when fire destroyed the Raleigh Transfer Company building and damaged the Raleigh Cornice and Roofing Company's plant today.

One hundred and thirty automobiles were stored by the Motor Service Company on the second floor of the transfer building. Eleven horses and much automobile equipment was destroyed.

Many of the automobiles belonged to legislators, Lieutenant Long losing his car.

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COTTON MARKET

New York, Jan. 22.—Spot cotton closed quiet; middling 23.85, a decline of 15 points. Futures, closing bid: Jan. 23.35, March 23.55, May 23.86, July 24.09, Oct. 23.82.

New York, Jan. 22.—At 12:20 p. m. today cotton futures stood at the following levels: Jan. 23.36, March 23.61, May 23.95, July 24.19, Oct. 23.83.

New York, Jan. 22.—Cotton futures at 2 o'clock today stood as follows: January 23.41, March 23.65, May 23.94, July 24.19, October 23.89.

New York, Jan. 22.—Cotton futures opened today at the following levels: Jan. 23.44, March 23.70, May 24.03, July 24.25, Oct. 23.90.