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CONGRESS GETS STARTED WITH NO CASUALTIES

Thunder and Lightning of Vice President Dawes Has Now Turned Into a Gentle Purr in the Senate

NICK REAL INTEREST

New and Chesterfieldian Speaker of the House in Limelight Politically and Socially

By ROBERT T. SMALL
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Washington, Dec. 9.—Congress has got started without any casualties. The thunder and lightning Vice-President Dawes turned loose on the Senate the fourth of last March has become a gentle purr. The Vice-President apparently has determined to get along with as few words as possible. He also has indicated that he will not forego his usual afternoon nap during the session, even if there are tie votes to be broken.

While there was some disappointment in the crowded Senate galleries that the Vice-President failed to burst forth, or heave his gavel at some recalcitrant opponent of a change in the rules, the real interest of the new session has been in the ascendancy to power of Nick Longworth, the new and Chesterfieldian speaker of the House of Representatives.

"Nick's elevation has been the distinct social as well as political event of the winter in Washington. No man ever has taken up the gavel in the House under happier auspices.

When Nick said he was a "proud and happy"—everybody expected him to say "father," but he said "man." Nick thanked his Republican brothers for their votes and thanked his Democratic brothers because they didn't vote for him. He didn't says a word about the wilful thirteen "insurgents" Republicans from Wisconsin who refused to be "swallowed up" and surrender their individual rights as members. The Wisconsin members voted for that "grand old man" of the House, Henry Allen Cooper, who led the forlorn Lafollette hope at the Cleveland convention of 1924.

Nick Longworth's sartorial splendor has been challenged by Young "Bob" LaFollette, another mutiny in the Republican ranks which must be quelled at any cost. The tailors of Washington are hoping the battle will be a long and arduous one. Young Bob won the spat honors of the day, however. His were of a pearl gray which was exceeding "doggy." The boy-Senator from Wisconsin, also wore a conventional morning coat, cut in the latest style. His trousers were a master piece of the drapers' art. Nick didn't wear spats. His sparkling patent leather boots, however, had gray cloth tops—evidently a custom made job. The new speaker had advance information that Young Bob might appear in the Senate in spats. His father always wore them, and Young Bob is trying to follow in the footsteps of his illustrous peer. Nick's morning coat also was a confection. In fact the new speaker is by far the handsomest and best groomed Washington ever has seen.

Mr. Gillett of Massachusetts was no second rater when it came to grooming and good looks, but Mr. Longworth has won the palm. Senator Gillett, by the way, couldn't resist the call of the House and slipped over to the lower chamber the moment the Senate adjourned. He was there in plenty of time to hear Nick's inaugural address.

The new speaker was a bit nervous about that address, by the way. He had it carefully typed and stuck away in his inside pocket. When he was being "introduced" to the House, and also being lauded above all partisan praise by Finis Garrett, the Democratic Leader, Nick kept fumbling at his pocket until he found the precious bits of paper and laid them on the desk before him. Nick's nervousness was natural, for once in Columbus, Ohio, he lost his speech and like Little Bo-Peep he didn't know where to find it.

Just before the voting began in the House, a newspaper wag asked Mr. Longworth how he thought the contest would result.

"Can't say about that," replied Nick, "but I know who's the people's choice."

Alice Longworth shared in the honors of the day. She was in the speaker's office most of the time, assisting with her usual graciousness in the impromptu reception which Nick had to stage. Mrs. Longworth's equanimity was not the least bit disturbed even when an enthusiastic Congressman from the West addressed her as "Mrs. Roosevelt."

"Speaking of spats, Nick used to wear them. He was taunted by a brother representative.

"How can you ever regard yourself as a man of the plain people and the farmers if you wear spats?" he wanted to know.

"I don't know," said Nick; "ask LaFollette, he wears 'em too." The new speaker says he doesn't mind being called "Nick" even by his casual acquaintances, but it is understood only his most intimate associates can refer to him as "Old Nick."

Honored

Julius E. Olson, professor of Scandinavian languages at the University of Wisconsin, has been made a knight of the Order of St. Olaf by King Haakon of Norway. This is in recognition of his service in the field of Scandinavian activities.

TRYING TO FIND CAUSE OF CRIME

Chairman Crime Commission Has Hands Full With Many Theories

By ROWLAND WOOD
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New York, Dec. 9.—F. Trubee Davison, America's only endowed public servant, certainly let himself in for a man's sized job when he accepted chairmanship of the National Crime Commission, whose objects are to determine the cause of, and propose remedies for, the great American crime wave. New York, which has become a veritable crime clinic in recent weeks, has just presented young Mr. Davison with, a half dozen more new explanations for the conditions that are alarming the country. All the explanations are different and most of them entirely irreconcilable with the others.

Supreme Court Justice Mitchell of the Bronx in charging the grand jury Monday which indicted Young Gordon Pirie for the murder of George Nye, his chum, inveighed fiercely against the "coddling" of criminals, before and after their conviction, intimating that prisoners were so well treated that imprisonment had no terrors for them.

A few hours later, general sessions Judge Talley, in a public address, declared that youths of 15 to 19 predominated among the desperate criminals of today and laid the blame on prohibition and the resultant hip flask.

At another meeting Bernard J. Fagan, chief probation officer of the Children's Court of New York, attacked a new law which permitted the jailing overnight of boys charged by their parents with loafing or staying out late. Associations in jails with hardened criminals, he declared, was responsible for much juvenile criminality.

At the same meeting, Chief Magistrate McAdoo f New York laid the crime wave to lax bail bond laws which permitted bonding companies to free felons who promptly went out and committed new crimes to pay the bill.

Still another speaker declared the chief trouble was the refusal of representative citizens to accept jury service.

And United States Attorney Buckner, in an address before business men, ventured the opinion that the "white collar business crook" was a greater menace to society as a whole than the hard boiled gangster or the juvenile gunman.

If young Mr. Davison can correlate and reconcile all these views, he will have justified the decision of his late father, H. P. Davison, of J. P. Morgan & Company, who bequeathed him $4,500,000 so that he could pursue a life of public service, unhampered by financial worries.

SENATE MARKS TIME; HOUSE GETS TO WORK

Washington, Dec. 9.—With President Coolidge's legislative recommendations spread on record and the first flood of bills and resolutions presented, the Senate paused today to give its committees time to organize while the House went ahead with tax bills.

COTTON MARKET

New York, Dec. 9.—Cotton futures opened today at the following levels: Dec. 20.03, Jan. 19.37, March 19.37, May 19.00, July 18.73.

New York, Dec. 9.—Spot cotton closed quiet, middling 20.50, an advance of five points. Futures, closing bid: Dec. 19.69, Jan. 19.18, March 19.17, May 19.03, July 19.05.

Camden Office Holder Opposes Plan To Unite Camden and Pasquotank

The plan to unite Pasquotank and Camden counties, sponsored by State Senator P. H. Williams, calls forth a warm protest from C. L. Tarkington, representative of Camden in the North Carolina General Assembly. In a statement handed this newspaper today Representative Tarkington says:

"In reply to Senator Williams' recent statement in The Daily Advance on merging Pasquotank and Camden, as a citizen of Camden County, born and reared in it and knowing its people, I will say that the only ones in my county one will find in favor of such a proposition are those who have been office holders of the county and can't get back by the vote of the people of Camden.

"Why is it Pasquotank can build us hard surfaced roads, when until the last General Assembly it only had 13½ miles of hard surfaced roads owned by Pasquotank County, according to authentic information obtained from reliable sources?

"If the people of Elizabeth City hadn't interferred with the Camden ferry floating (sinking) road, it would have been built where the State engineers recommended.

"Isn't Mr. Williams on record in Camden Court House as bondsman with some of the annexers to run the remaining part of this road through the county against the will of the majority of the people of Camden.

"An ex-representative of this county circulated a petition during the last General Assembly to annex the two counties, but didn't get any signers. He did get a letter signed by the Ku Klux Klan saying if he didn't do away with it they would call on him.

"Give poor Camden time to develop. It may produce as many prominent people in the future as it has in the past.

"The last township in Camden County has recently sold bonds to erect a high school which will make one or two in each township.

"Camden County may have a town to help hardsurface her roads when the Country Club develops."

JUST 13 MORE

JAIL BREAKER IS FREE ONCE MORE

Escaped Thirty-five Times and Has Met His Match Only Once

By AL. H. MARTIN
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Reno, Dec. 9.—John W. Delaney, rated as the champion jail braker of America, is again at liberty. Thirty five times he has escaped from prisons, insane asylums and military hospitals laughing at jail bars from San Francisco to Washington, D. C., and back to McNeil's Island, Washington.

His latest escape was from the Nevada penitentiary at Carson City, where he has been serving time for burglarly. Forcing five locks and creeping by three guards on the death watch in the condemned row of the prison, Delaney calmly walked through the grim gates and vanished.

This was his fourth escape from Nevada penitentiary and was made after he had calmly informed prison officials and fellow convicts no prison could hold him. After one successful effort to escape a few years ago he was fettered with handcuffs and leg irons. A few hours later he had vanished leaving the shackles in his cell with an insulting note to his keeper.

Again and again Delaney has been convicted of burglaries and given prison sentences, but he always has escaped after serving part time. Challenged by his boast that no prison could hold him officials have matched their wits against his, but Delaney always has won.

The only prison that has ever baffled his genius was the Federal penitentiary on McNeil's Island, Washington. He was blocked whenever he tried for his freedom from that stronghold, but luck, even there, was with him, for on Christmas day, 1922, President Harding pardoned him after he had served only a brief part of his 13 months' sentence. He promptly showed his gratitude by getting himself in jail again.

Small, alert, friendly with his fellow prisoners and officials, Delaney seems to delight in getting into trouble and then escaping from behind bars. He reads with delight accounts of his escapes and informs guards he will soon be out again. His crimes have been petty, but police curse him fervidly for the trouble he causes. For about three years, he has shown a strong partiality for Reno and vicinity, a liking which is not reciprocated.

Mitchell Trial Goes Into Seventh Week

Washington, Dec. 9. — Going into the seventh week of its existence the Mitchell court martial still found itself under the necessity of warning counsel over methods of examining the witnesses. Brigadier General McCoy, member of the court, said after Defense Counsel Reid had cross examined Lieutenant Colonel Joseph Baer of the Army general staff that his manner was "somewhat objectionable."

WORLD FAIR PLAN CHICAGO FOR 1927

Chicago, Dec. 9.—A world fair along the new ten mile waterfront here has been planned for Chicago either in 1934 or 1937, respective anniversaries of incorporation as village and of city charter, but probably in the latter year.

DOG'S REPUTATION FOR CATCHING 'EM CRITICIZED

Berlin, Dec. 9.—Konrad Most, of the Union of Shepard Dog Owners of Eisenach, declares the German police dog would never attain the results it does if deprived of the officer leading it. He cited 48 tests before police authorities and scientific experts in which the dogs failed in their tasks when their leaders were absent.

Realization of the dog's ultimate inadequacy in this respect led the German army command to interdict its further employment during war.

Contested

Thomas F. Woodlock of New York has been named by President Coolidge to the Interstate Commerce Commission. But radical leaders in the Senate have twice succeeded in blocking his confirmation, and in the forthcoming session of Congress they are expected to renew the fight.

Monster Wildcat Killed In Fastnesses of Swamp

Huge Feline on Exhibit Here Fell Victim to High Powered Rifle of Cortez Tmple, Veteran Huntsman Living in Newland Township

A 19-pound wildcat, slain in the uncharted fastnesses of the Great Dismal Swamp, is on display in front of the store of W. C. Glover, of this city, dealer in furs. It is one of the largest ever seen here, and is attracting much attention on the part of passersby.

The great cat was slain by Cortez Temple, who lives in Newland Township, about 15 miles from Elizabeth City. Mr. Temple is one of the best known of that little band of hunters who venture into the mazes of the great swamp, and has trapped many of its denizens in the last 20 or 30 years. He is probably more familiar with its faintly marked trails than any other man living in the vicinity of its southern borders.

This latest victim of Mr. Temple's high-powered rifle was chased into a tree-top by the huntsman's coon dog, and was ingloriously brought to earth by a well placed bullet. When surrounded by dogs, and unable to reach a place of relative safety, the wildcat puts up a terrific fight to the very death, wreaking havoc with sharp teeth and long, curved claws.

The cat is on exhibition on the edge of the sidewalk in a little wooden frame so constructed that he is in a natural standing posture. His tail was waving in the breeze, lending a semblance of life that prompted some passersby to give him a wide berth. He was several times the size of the ordinary house cat, but obviously was of the same species.

THE DAILY ADVANCE TO GO TO $5 A YEAR ON JANUARY 1, 1926

We couldn't bring ourselves to raise the subscription price on The Advance so near Christmas and the present subscription rates will be maintained through the month of December, though putting out a daily newspaper such as The Advance with an expensive comic supplement at 10 cents a week or $4 a year isn't being done, so far as we know, anywhere else in the country.

Mounting expenses, however, compel us to announce a higher subscription rate in the city, where cost of delivery is high, effective January 1, 1926. On and after that date the following subscription rates will prevail:

One week (pay carrier) 12c
One month (pay office) 50c
Three mos. (in advance) $1.35
Six mos. (in advance) $2.60
Twelve mos. (in advance) $5.00

There will be no change for the present in subscriptions sent outside the city by mail. These rates are:

Zone One, 12 months $4.00
Zone One, 6 months $2.25
Zone One, 3 months $1.25
Zone Two, 12 months $5.00
Elsewhere, 12 months $6.00

Concert Thursday By "All Sisters"

Tickets on Sale at Bright's Jewelry Company Today and Thursday

Tickets went on sale Wednesday morning at Bright Jewelry Company for the concert Thursday night by the All Sisters Quartette and may be secured there on Thursday also. Seats may be reserved at the same time.

A delightful program of music, sketches, and songs, and the concert will begin Thursday evening promptly at 8 o'clock in the high school auditorium.

This concert is the second in the lyceum course sponsored by the music department of the Woman's Club, and the club appreciates all co-operation and support accorded the organization in this undertaking.

VETOES PHILIPPINE BILL FOR PLEBISCITE

Manila, Dec. 9.—Governor General Wood today vetoed the Philippine Legislature's bill providing for a plebiscite on the question of Philippine Independence on the ground that the Legislature has no power to authorize such a plebiscite.

WOOD ENCOURAGES ATHLETICS PHILIPPINES

Manila, Dec. 9.—Governor General Leonard Wood, always an enthusiast in sports, has issued a statement to encourage athletics in all important governmental and private organizations in order that a broader field from which to select Philippine representatives in international contests may be available.

Among the organizations named as potential sources of strong athletes are the United States Army and Navy, the Philippine constabulary, the Manila city police, and government bureau employes.

The governor general urges early preparations for the training of Philippine representatives in the next Far Eastern Olympic games, which are to be held in Peking in 1927.

REPORTS HEARD AT BANKERS' CONVENTION

St. Petersburg, Florida, Dec. 9. Reports were heard today from committees on Railroad Securities, Commercial Credit Municipal Securities and the Securities' Law in the fourteenth annual convention of Investment Bankers of America.

GRAHAM REPORTS PROGRESS MADE IN AGRICULTURE

Commissioner Reviews Last Half Year's Work And Tells of Certain Plans Contemplated

THANKS THE PRESS

Departments Must Keep in Touch With the People and Here the Newspapers Have Greatly Helped

Raleigh, Dec. 9.—Satisfactory progress of the work of the State Department of Agriculture was reported to the Board of Agriculture, in session here today, by Commissioner of Agriculture William A. Graham, and told of certain changes he had effected and was contemplating.

Commissioner Graham reported to the board that he and Dr. E. C. Brooks, president of the State College of Agriculture and Engineering, had arranged for the college to take over the animal nutrition work now being conducted by Dr. J. O. Halverson, F. W. Sherwood, and C. D. Schiffman.

"I have had several conferences with Dr. Brooks," Mr. Graham told the board, "and am pleased to advise that after January 1 this work will be paid for out of college funds. However, these gentlemen will retain their present quarters in the agricultural building until the new animal husbandry building is completed at the college, which will be some time next year."

F. E. Miller, in charge of test farms, was reported by the commissioner to have been appointed horticulturist for the department. Also, the appointment of William E. Richardson as editor of publications was reported, the commissioner stating that he had in mind combining with this work that of other divisions now issuing publications.

"It is, of course, apparent that the department must keep in touch with the people, if it is to fulfill its proper mission to the State," he said, and at this point he took occasion to express his appreciation of the co-operation given by the newspapers of the State. He declared that "the press has shown a splendid spirit of co-operation in printing our offerings, which encourages us to expect continued courtesies from our State papers."

To succeed Farm Engineer E. R. Raney, who recently went to Texas, the commissioner announced the appointment of H. H. Gordon, a young North Carolinian.

Dealing with the work of the division having in charge the inspection of feeds, Commissioner Graham told the board that he had in mind increased facilities which he hoped to install shortly. He also reported that, at the national convention of Commissioners of Agriculture in Chicago, recently, he secured the passage of a resolution asking stricter regulations as to the shipment of feed containing wild oats.

"I have been thinking seriously of consolidating the inspection work under one head," he continued, "and of having all inspection work handled by this division. I am not thoroughly convinced that it would be feasible to put all inspection under this division, but I am giving the matter very close consideration and have discussed it with the salary and wage commission.

"I am also thinking of including inspection work of the marketing division in this group. All the inspection work would origin-

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Offered Job

Lieut. Col. Clarence O. Sherill, U. S. A., until recently military aide to President Coolidge, has been offered the post of city manager by Cincinnati, Ohio, at a salary of $25,000 a year. His present position pays $6,712.

Currituck Takes Steps Toward Early Paving of Highway to State Line

Commissioner Hart Invited to Attend Conference on Matter at Courthouse Wednesday, December 23

TWO ROADS PLANNED

Will Discuss Hardsurfacing of Stretch From Sligo to Currituck Courthouse At the Same Time

Preliminary steps toward continuation of the 16-foot concrete highway now under construction from this city to Sligo, in Currituck County ten miles farther to the Virginia line, near Moyock, were taken this week by the Currituck Board of County Commissioner W. A. Hart, of the First North Carolina District, to come to Currituck Courthouse on Wednesday, December 23, and explain the steps the county must take in order to have the road hardsurfaced.

There has been a tentative suggestion from State highway officials that if Currituck County would lend the Highway Commission enough money to pave the road from Sligo to the line, the commission would pave the link of three miles from Sligo to Currituck Courthouse Sixteen feet wide out of funds already in hand, thus disposing of two highway projects at once. Both are regarded as highly important insofar as the Albemarle section is concerned.

The road from this city to Sligo will be completed sometime next spring under normal working conditions, and barring unexpected delays. Currituck folk are hopeful of having the two roads to the courthouse and the Virginia line, respectively, completed as soon afterward as is practicable. Hence the invitation to Mr. Hart.

Unofficial estimates here place the probable cost of the road from Sligo to the line at $200,000, assuming that it would be of the same type as that already under way from here to Sligo. Engineers give the length of the old road as nine miles, but state that it might be less under later surveys over a new and slightly more direct route.

With reference to the probability of a county loan in Currituck for State highway construction, it is explained that the same course has been followed in 48 North Carolina counties in order to speed up the building of hardsurfaced highways past the point of the normal income and outgo of State bond money. Pasquotank, for instance, has loaned some $75,000 to the State on construction of the Woodville road alone, and followed a similar course in the building of the Newland road.

In the event that Mr. Hart accepts the commissioners' invitation to attend a conference on the two Sligo projects December 23, it is intended to invite all residents of the county to be present also, in order that everyone interested may gain a clear idea of the situation.

INSURGENT NORRIS FLAYS COOLIDGE'S RECOMMENDATIONS

Washington, Dec. 9.—President Coolidge's recommendations on disposition of Muscle Shoals as contained in his annual message are indefensible, Senator Norris of Nebraska, one of the leaders of the Republican insurgent group, declared today in a formal statement.

"He does not seem to realize that on this question we are dealing with natural resources of our country and that whatever disposition we make of Muscle Shoals we will be establishing a precedent that will be followed from the Atlantic to the Pacific and will extend through the lives of many unborn generations," the statement continued. He added that the President is known to be opposed to anything putting the Government in business if it is of a nature that private parties and corporations can make profit out of it.

AYDLETT OFFERS TO MEET TERMS OF HOCKENBURY

Owner of Southern Hotel Expresses Surprise Over Failure of Committee to Approach Him

READY TO NEGOTIATE

Declares City Needs Only One Modern Hotel, and Community As a Whole Should Support It

"I will take my property, put it in at a fair price, and erect a hotel of 100 rooms or more, if necessary, all under the same proposition the Hockenbury System offers, and with the same co-operation they ask," E. F. Aydlett, Elizabeth City attorney and owner of the Southern Hotel property here, declared today in commenting on the hotel situation here.

"And besides, I'm in a position to obtain a 20 year lease with a man representing a chain hotel operating system that is running, among others, at least one hotel which cost more than a million and a half dollars," Mr. Aydlett continued. "We need a new hotel here; but the community as a whole should have a part in building it and should help support it. The burden should not be put on the shoulders of any one man, or any small group of men."

In commenting upon the activities of the central hotel committee, Mr. Aydlett declared emphatically that the committee had had no dealings with him regarding it. "I am surprised that the committee has never conferred with me, directly or indirectly, in any way with regard to their plans," he said. "I am willing to co-operate with them in any way."

Mr. Aydlett expressed the opinion that the Southern occupies the logical site for a hotel here, explaining that it is on the State highways passing through this city from the north, east and west, and declaring that it was well situated with reference to the business district as well.

"There ought not to be but one modern hotel here," he continued, "and I believe the people of Elizabeth City should be behind it. Such a hotel would be of great value to the city."

In the course of the interview, Mr. Aydlett declared he was willing to come to reasonable terms on the Southern property, and would accept a part of his recompense in stock in a new hotel company. He added that an agreement on this point should be reached before a stock sales campaign was undertaken, in order that investors might know exactly what was planned.

MOVIE ACTING HAS MORE THRILLS THAN DANCING

Berlin, Dec. 9.—Tamara Karsavina, idol of lovers of the artistic dance, has gone into the movies because she finds film acting more exciting than dancing.

"The wonderful thing about acting is that one always feels as though it were a first night performance," she said. "Everything is final, never to be repeated. The least important role requires short but complete concentration. There is a charm of creative acting about it that is nowhere to be found on the stage."

London, New York, Berlin and other large cities, however, will continue to see Karsavina's unique dances, because dancing, after all, is her life's work.

TAMPERED WITH JURY IT IS NOW CHARGED

White Plains, New York, Dec. 9. Westchester County grand jury today was directed to conduct an investigation into an alleged attempt to tamper with the jury which heard Leonard Kip Rhinelander's annulment suit against his mulatto wife, Alice Beatrice Jones.

Frederick G. Sanford, [illegible] the trial, told Justice [illegible] that he had been a[illegible] a certain Yonker[illegible] broached the subject [illegible] lander case. "I g[illegible] talk that he favore[illegible] Sanford told the [illegible] said he had been [illegible] several other res[illegible] ers. Assistant D[illegible] Coyne said the inv[illegible] be begun.

EXPECTS TO [illegible] END OF TI[illegible]

Paris, Dec. 9.—He[illegible] French ambassador [illegible] the United States, exp[illegible] for New York at the end [illegible] ber or early in January.

MAYOR ARRAIGN[illegible] IN CRIMINAL [illegible]

Cambridge, Mas, Dec. 9. Lowell officials including th[illegible] or and a former mayor we[illegible] raigned in superior criminal [illegible] here today on secret indict[illegible] charging conspiracy and fra[illegible] the making of contracts and [illegible] chase of supplies, larceny, an[illegible] tering of public records.

EARS [illegible] MPLES [illegible] SLAM