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## \$500,000 BOND ISSUE

STRONG OPPOSITION TO ANY LARGE APPROPRIATION—A TAX COMMISSION.

## SOCIAL CLUBS CONSIDERED

State Highway Commission Bill Favorably Reported With Amendment Reducing Maintenance From \$20,000 to \$10,000—Hoke County Can Form.

Raleigh.—The senate spent two hours debating Senator Boyden's bill appointing a state building commission and authorizing a million-dollar bond issue to erect a state administration building in Raleigh, and, owing to the opposition developing, the friends of the bill decided to offer a substitute calling for a \$500,000 bond issue for this purpose.

General Carr introduced a bill to create a tax commission and state board of equalization.

A bill by Taylor of Brunswick would reduce the number of state oil inspectors kept in the field by the state board of agriculture.

### Southern Gets Demands.

The Southern railway company wins out in its fight on the Ray bill that would exact forfeiture of the charter of the Tennessee & Southern railroad if the line from Franklin is not resumed and pushed to completion within a specified time. The committee offered a substitute giving the company ten years in which to complete the line.

The senate bill allowing mutual fire insurance companies to be formed by parties engaged in the same line of business with twenty-five risks receives favorable report from the senate committee on insurance, which also reports favorably on the bill relative to investment of capital of insurance companies as to title guarantees.

Senator Long's bill giving the right for search where liquor is presumed to be kept for illegal purposes is reported with prejudice by the committee on revisal.

Senator Cotten's bill prohibiting the manufacture and sale of non-safety matches in North Carolina is bitterly opposed by match manufacturers of New York, Ohio and many other states and representatives of these concerns attended a meeting of the senate committee on propositions and grievances and made a vigorous protest. The bill was referred to a sub-committee.

### Social Clubs Pester Committee.

Senator Brown's bill, which is designed to break up the locker system in clubs, seems to be pestering the committee considerably. The members have discussed it in a number of meetings, but each time the bill goes to a sub-committee for further special investigation.

The Boyden-Sikes state highway commission bill, as merged and agreed upon by the joint public roads committees and favorably reported, also receives a favorable report from the joint committees on appropriation, with an amendment reducing the appropriation for maintenance of the commission from \$20,000 to \$10,000. The joint appropriations committee also heard a delegation of prominent negroes of Charlotte on Senator Pharr's bill asking for a \$5,000 appropriation for the proposed reform and industrial training school for colored youths. Senator Pharr's bill amending the general insurance laws of the state, carrying a small appropriation for messenger service and other office expenses of the Insurance Commissioner, gets a favorable report.

As showing the speed with which the house works, thirty-seven roll-call bills were passed within one hour.

The bill heretofore passed by the senate creating Avery county out of portions of Mitchell, Caldwell and Watauga receives an unfavorable report from the house committee on counties, cities and towns by a vote of 6 to 5, with a minority report headed by Representative Koonce. Since the meeting his minority report has been circulated among the absent members of the committee and

now has the signatures of twelve members. The full committee numbers twenty and two of these have not signed either report. The bill will be bitterly contested on the floor of the house.

state law allowing \$20 fees so far as Senator Graham offered a resolution of respect for the late Col. N. A. McLean of Lumberton and it was unanimously adopted by a rising vote and sent to the house by a special messenger.

Not in the "Pauper Class." Senator Irvie arose to a question of personal privilege and called attention to the report of the state treasurer, which he charged was unfair to certain counties in the state by reason of the fact that it did not give those counties credit for the taxes paid direct into the state treasury as well as by sheriffs, thus placing these counties in the pauper list, when they should not be so called. Senator Long, arising to a question of personal privilege, said he wanted to be classed with the plaintiffs in this case, as his county had suffered the humiliation of the name "pauper" unjustly. Senator Bassett felt sure ample justice would be done to all counties in a revised report which he understood was being prepared and when disposition is made of a joint resolution on this subject now in the hands of the committee on propositions and grievances.

Anti-Trust Bill With "Teeth." Another anti-trust bill came into the house through Turlington of Iredell, who pronounced it to have the most ample "teeth." It codifies the present anti-trust law so much criticised as being ineffective; makes subsection "F" subsection "G" and makes it read "conspire or agree" instead of "conspire" only to restrain trade. It gives the attorney general the power to examine witnesses and prosecute for contempt of court when any refuse to testify; places \$10,000 fund at the disposal of the governor with which to pay the expense of working up cases, the attorney general and the solicitors to prosecute. All foreign corporations are required to file affidavits July 1 each year they having in no wise violated the anti-trust law.

The unfavorable report came from the house committee on propositions and grievances for the Koonce bill for a legislative commission to investigate the conduct of fire insurance companies in North Carolina. Mr. Koonce filed his minority favorable report and the resolution was made a special order.

The house refused to concur in the senate amendments to the near-beer bill and Hoffer, Cates and Kent were named by Speaker Dowd as conference committee.

Hobgood in the senate introduced an anti-trust bill that adds the essential features of the Sherman act to the present law.

Ashville Gets New Government. The bill establishing a commission form of government for Asheville gets a favorable unanimous report from the senate committee on counties, cities and towns.

The senate bill creating Hoke county out of portions of Cumberland and Robeson passed third and final reading in the house by a vote of 73 to 9. An amendment changing the boundary and lessening the territory of the new county was killed by a decisive majority.

Bills Favorably Reported. Favorable reports came from committees as to many bills, including Wooten bill for placing solicitors on salaries; state bill for taxing dogs and encouraging sheep industry; provide institution for feeble-minded; provide for the examination of school children. The last two were again referred, this time to the committee on appropriations.

Rewards Bill Deferred. The Spainhour bill to allow sheriffs and prosecutors \$20 to \$40 for convicting distillers was argued for considerable time and action deferred. Then the Dillard bill repealing the act that applies to Cherokee county was defeated after Speaker Dowd made a lengthy speech against it on the ground that whatever law of the kind is on the statute books it should apply to all counties alike. Connor and others explained their support of the bill on the plea that it was a local measure and the desire of the representatives should control.

This bill was ratified: Prohibit public drunkenness in Transylvania, Forsyth, Robeson, Graham and Pitt counties.

### Planning Railroad to Raleigh.

Greensboro.—A plan is on foot by parties for a railroad from Winston-Salem to Raleigh, to connect with the Norfolk and Western at Winston-Salem and the Raleigh and Southport at Raleigh. The road is to strike High Point from Winston, thence on to Greensboro and Burlington, diverging there on its route to Raleigh, making a shorter route from Greensboro to the capital city.

### Baptist Minister as Author.

Shelby.—Rev. C. A. Jenkins, pastor of the First Baptist church, is author of a new book, which will be from the hands of the publishers in about ninety days. The title is "The Bride's Return." This is the second book by Mr. Jenkins. A few years ago he issued "Good Gumption," which has been sold extensively over the State. He is one of the foremost Baptist ministers of the state.

## NORTH IS HYPOCRITICAL ABOUT NEGRO QUESTION

SENATOR BORAH OF IDAHO MADE SOME POINTED REMARKS ABOUT RACE ISSUE.

## RACIAL PREJUDICE IN NORTH

Borah Claims That Northern People Deal Less Leniently With Negro Than Southerners.

Washington.—Senator Borah, in a speech urging the adoption of his resolution looking to popular election of senators, indulged in some amazingly frank and vigorous comment apropos of the hypocritical attitude of some people in the North and the Republican party toward the negro.

That prejudice against the negro is just as intense in the North as in the South, and that the North plays the hypocrite in its contentions to the contrary, was boldly asserted by Senator Borah.

"We ought to cease this surfeiting the negro upon the soporific applications of rhetoric," he said.

"We ought no longer to put into the Congressional Record and embalm their tender protestation given from year to year and from campaign to campaign."

Mr. Borah holds that a man gets his right of suffrage from his state, and that the resolution he has offered will not interfere with this situation. Of course, the Sutherland amendment,



WILLIAM E. BORAH, United States Senator from Idaho.

which he opposes, seeks to change this and extend the power of congress over state elections for United States senators.

The Idaho senator's pronouncement on the race question was made in response to the recent assertion of Senator Root that without the Sutherland provision the resolution would deprive the Southern negroes of Federal protection in the exercise of the franchise.

Mr. Borah dissented from the New York senator's view, and, in doing so, used language which elicited congratulations from many senators.

The Idaho senator expressed deep regret that the race question had been brought into the controversy, and asserted that its introduction was intended only to imperil the resolution.

"I wonder how long the North is going to play the hypocrite and the moral coward on this question," said Mr. Borah, and added that that section always had assumed more wisdom and more tolerance in dealing with this problem than had been displayed elsewhere. He insisted that a call of the roll of the Northern states in which there is an appreciable number of Negroes would demonstrate that the North had not dealt more leniently with the Negro than had other sections.

"The Northern states have exhibited the same race prejudice that has been shown elsewhere," he asserted. "In the North we burn the negro at the stake, and there, as in other sections, we have our race wars. We push our negroes to the outer edge of industrial world. We exhibit the same prejudices, the same weaknesses, the same intolerance, that is apparent in the Southland."

### Balance of Trade.

Washington.—A balance of trade of over \$363,000,000 in favor of the United States against its foreign creditors, an increase of over \$174,500,000 on the foreign trade of the country and the establishment of a new high mark for exports, is the record of the United States trade with foreign nations for the first seven months of the fiscal year, as shown by a statement issued by the department of commerce and labor. This showing is considered to be due to the higher price of cotton.

## EMERGING FROM WINTER QUARTERS



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## PACT AGITATES ENGLAND

Annexation of Canada by the United States is Feared in Great Britain.

Washington.—To offset the Canadian annexation talk which the administration fears might affect the reciprocity agreement, the house committee on foreign affairs, by a vote of 9 to 1, reported adversely on the resolution introduced by Representative Bennet of New York for the opening of negotiations with Great Britain looking to the annexation of Canada. Mr. Bennet was the only member who voted for the resolution.

The committee's action followed conferences of Chairman Foster of the committee and Acting Chairman McCall of the ways and means committee with President Taft.

London, England.—Whether, as is suspected in some quarters, Congressman Bennet of New York had no more sinister motive than to embarrass the reciprocity forces in his own country, there is no room for doubt that his Canadian annexation resolution introduced in the house of representatives has greatly disturbed certain minds on this side of the Atlantic.

Ottawa, Ont.—The continued talk of annexation kept alive by the opposition journals is causing deep resentment in Canada, and, according to some of the leading supporters of the government, may jeopardize the reciprocity measure now before parliament. While the Liberals have accepted the message of President Taft to Representative McCall as the true sentiment of the feeling that has been aroused in the Dominion cannot be ignored, and it is understood that Sir Wilfred Laurier will make a statement which will set at rest forever the idea that annexation of Canada by the United States is possible.

London, England.—The Morning Post has an alarmist editorial on a Washington dispatch declaring that American public men openly predict that reciprocity will lead to the eventual annexation of Canada by the United States.

Ottawa, Ont.—Commercial union, followed by annexation to the United States, is the inevitable meaning of the pending reciprocity agreement as interpreted by the conservative opposition in the Canadian parliament. This sentiment dominated a speech by George E. Foster, who, under the conservative government, was finance minister and tariff maker. His speech was the opening of the wedge, he said, which would be driven home until there was absolute free trade between Canada and the United States, with a tariff wall against the rest of the world.

Alabama Senate for Local Option. Montgomery, Ala.—By a vote of 21 to 12, the Alabama senate passed the Parks local option bill just as it came from the house. Governor O'Neal signed the bill, and it is now a law.

Alabama Creates Banking Department. Montgomery, Ala.—The state senate passed the bill creating a state banking department and providing for the rigid inspection of all state banks. It was slightly amended as it came from the house, and the bill will become a law.

### Cotton Mills Curtail.

Boston, Mass.—A number of New England cotton mills, which have not participated in the general curtailment movement recommended by the Arkwright club of this city, will go on a short-time basis because of unfavorable market condition. Many of the mills, North and South, have stopped from 20 to 30 per cent of the machinery, according to advices received in Boston mill offices. The New Bedford Fine Goods mills have been reducing the output for several weeks.

## SOUTHERN TRAIN HELD UP

FIVE MEN LOOT EXPRESS CAR ON SOUTHERN TRAIN NEAR GAINESVILLE, GA.

Safe Was Cracked and \$700 Taken, the Robbers Missing \$50,000 in Another Safe.

Atlanta.—Five masked highwaymen held up and robbed the Southern railway's fast mail train at White Sulphur Springs, six miles north of Gainesville, Ga.

Police headquarters in Atlanta was immediately reached over long distance telephone and informed of the robbery. To Capt. J. C. Joiner it was reported that the five men boarded the train and, at the point of pistol, commanded the engineer to hold the train. While he was held, others of the gang boarded the express car and cracked the safe, getting seven hundred dollars in cash.

Neither the United States mail nor the passengers were bothered.

The robbery occurred on train No. 36, which was bound for Washington and New York from New Orleans.

In the express car were two safes, one containing \$50,000 and the other only \$700. Explosives were placed in both, but the fuse of the smaller went off quicker and knocked the fuse out of the larger, and, in their haste, the robbers made a get-away without further attempt to get the larger spoils.

The train was flagged with a red lantern and as soon as it came to a stop, two of the masked bandits boarded the cabin and ordered Engineer Fant to throw up his hands. He complied and before a gun could be leveled at the negro fireman he had leaped from his seat and has not yet been heard from.

Just as the other three men were about to board the express car Conductor Mooney alighted. He was told to get back on the train, and with the warning, "Keep cool, brother; if you behave you won't be hurt." He did so, and the highwaymen went about their business.

## MILLION DOLLARS STOLEN.

Exchange Bank in Rome, Italy, Looted by Bandits.

Rome, Italy.—The great Exchange bank near the stock exchange was looted by burglars. The burglars killed the two night watchmen, who were attempting to defend the vault of the institution, and escaped with a vast sum of money. The crime was the most daring in the history of Rome. The burglars secured, it is said, more than a million dollars. There were at least five men in the game, and they had either a wagon or an automobile to carry away their booty. Among the funds stolen were many bags of gold, which could not have been carried through the streets without arousing suspicion. When the bank was opened a few hours before business the two watchmen were found dead. The alarm was sounded immediately, and every policeman in the city was placed upon the case.

### Trust Owns All Timber.

Washington.—Concentration of the control of the standing timber in a very few hands, vast speculative holdings "far in advance of any use thereof," an enormous increase in the value of this diminishing natural resource, "with great profits to its owners," and incidentally "an equally sinister land monopoly," and a "closely connected railroad domination"—these are the findings reported by Herbert Knox Smith, commissioner of corporations, in a report on the lumber industry in the United States.

## FOREST RESERVES TO BE CREATED IN THE SOUTH

SENATE PASSES MEASURE FOR CONSERVATION WORK IN APPALACHIANS.

## \$10,000,000 IS TO BE SPENT

Lands Will Be Purchased and Cut Up into Forest Reserves by the Government.

Washington.—The Weeks' forest reserve bill passed carrying an appropriation of \$10,000,000, to be expended in the next five years at the rate of \$2,000,000 a year to secure lands on the watersheds of the Southern Appalachian and White mountain ranges in particular, and others where deemed needful, and the hard work of eight years was crowned with success.

The measure was adopted by a vote of 57 to 9. Three Democrats voted for the bill.

The supporters of the measure who have carried on the long, tedious and what seemed at times, almost hopeless, contest, are jubilant over the final victory. That President Taft will sign the bill is considered settled beyond doubt.

The bill passed the house of representatives last session, and as it was accepted by the senate without any change, it lacks only the signature of the president to elevate it into a statute.

While it is understood on all sides that the purpose of the bill is the acquisition of lands in the White mountains of New England and of the Appalachians in the Southern states for the creation of forest reserves, it contains no specific mention of such purpose. The authority for this proceeding is found in the general powers conferred by the bill. The carrying into effect of the provisions of the bill is placed in the hands of a commission to be composed of the secretary of war, the secretary of the interior and the secretary of agriculture, and two senators and two members of the house.

The purchase of land is placed in the hands of the secretary of agriculture, and is confined to all such areas as may affect the headquarters of navigable streams. No purchase is to be authorized until passed upon by the geological survey. The land once acquired, it is to be cut up into forest reserves as may seem best for administrative purposes.

## FARM ANIMALS WORTH MORE

Interesting Figures Furnished by Department of Agriculture.

Washington.—All farm animals, excepting sheep, showed an increase in average value per head on January 1 last, compared with their value on that date in 1910, according to the department of agriculture. Mules showed the greatest increase in value, it being \$5.78 to \$125.62 per head. Values of other animals were:

Horses, \$111.67, an increase of \$3.48; milch cows, \$40.49, an increase of \$4.79; sheep, \$3.73, a decrease of 35 cents, and swine \$9.35, an increase of 21 cents.

The highest and lowest average value per head of farm animals by states are given as follows:

Horses, highest in Massachusetts and Rhode Island, \$148; lowest, New Mexico, \$50.

Mules, highest in South Carolina, \$173; lowest in New Mexico, \$52.

Milch cows, highest in New Jersey, \$53.50; lowest in Alabama, \$25.

Sheep, highest in Connecticut, \$5.60; lowest in Mississippi and Louisiana, \$1.90.

Swine, highest in Maine, \$13.10; lowest in Florida, \$4.60.

### Oldest Tarheel Dead.

Charlotte, N. C.—Henry Parminter, veteran of the Mexican and Civil wars, and the state's oldest citizen, lacking but fifteen days of having attained the age of 108, died at his home here of grip. His wife died in 1909 at the age of 101. Among his descendants are several great-grandchildren. He was hale and hearty up to a few days of his death, and retained every sense accurately.

### Gould Quits Missouri Pacific.

New York.—Pressed by the Rockefeller and Kuhn-Loeb interests, George J. Gould is shortly to relinquish the presidency of the Missouri Pacific Railway company, a position in which his father, Jay Gould, placed him eighteen years ago. He will be succeeded by a railroad man not yet named, who, to quote one of the new interests in Missouri Pacific, will "eat, drink and sleep on the job." Mr. Gould himself announced his retirement, which will take place just as soon as his successor chosen.