

# SPECIAL SESSION COMPLETES WORK

### MORE THAN 400 BILLS ENACTED BY LEGISLATURE IN EXTRA SESSION.

Raleigh. Since the adjournment brought the special session of the general assembly to a close on its seventeenth legislative day.

Called into extraordinary session to act upon the report of the ship and water transportation commission and correct errors in the sinking fund amendment act, preparatory to expected ratification in the November election, the assembly performed those two duties and, in addition, enacted over 400 of the nearly 600 public and local bills introduced.

The port and water transportation measure is accepted as the out-peace of legislation enacted by the session. If the people approve the act in the election, it will supply the machinery for inaugurating a port and water commerce development program, with an investment of \$7,000,000 in terminal facilities of deep sea and inland ports and a contingent fund of \$1,500,000 for the operation of state owned ships.

Besides correcting the error in the sinking fund measure, the special session added another constitutional amendment proposal to the three adopted for submission by the 1923 legislature. It provides for an increase of per diem for members of the general assembly from \$5 to \$10. The special session killed bills submitting three other constitutional amendments, one extending the term of county sheriffs and coroners, the second providing for a judicial reorganizing and abolishing of the rotation system or judges and the third putting a reduced tax rate on money on deposit in banks and realty mortgages and deeds of trust.

As the result of legislation by the 1923 regular session, supplemented by that of the special session, the people of North Carolina will vote on the following proposals in the November elections, besides expressing their choice on candidates for national, state, congressional and county officers:

- To inaugurate port and water transportation development program. Machinery provided by special session.
- To authorize an appropriation of \$3,000,000 to aid World War veterans acquire farm lands. Machinery provided by 1923 regular session.
- To amend the constitution so as to increase per diem of members of general assembly to \$10. Submitted by special session.
- To amend the constitution to make void the sinking fund for state bonds. Submitted by regular session, but discovery of error in provision of act necessitated its repeal and enactment of a new measure by special session.
- To amend constitution to limit the bonded indebtedness which the state may incur. Submitted by regular session.
- To amend the constitution to exempt from taxation mortgages and deeds of trust on homes. Submitted by regular session and submitting not amended by special session to change rate of interest on exempted mortgages and trust deeds from 4 1/2 percent to the legal rate.

Among important measures enacted by the special session in addition to the port bill, the sinking fund amendment act and the constitutional amendment proposal to increase the pay of legislators, were the following:

- Joint resolution rejecting the federal child labor amendment proposal.
- Joint resolution seeking the restoration of the Cape Fear and Yadkin Valley railroad as a continuous line.
- Joint resolution asking the North Carolina representatives in Congress to seek early federal construction of the proposed inland canal from Morehead City to the Cape Fear river.
- Resolution creating a special commission to investigate and report back to the next regular session a plan for state control of commercial motor bus lines.
- Appointment of a special commission to make a survey of state prison conditions, inspect prisons in other states and report to the next session a plan for changes, looking to improving the state's system.
- Appointment of a special commission to investigate and report to the next session on a system to equitably distribute the burden of financing the public school system.
- Preventing the sale in the state of obscene literature.

**State Fair Plans Complete.** As usual the State Fair will be held in October, and the dates have been fixed as the 13th to 17th, which is, practically the same as in recent years.

So far as the management of the fair is concerned, the negotiations over the property have been signed, and it was stated.

The premium list of 140 items has just come from the printer and the various cash prizes aggregate \$23,000, which is equal to the best that the fair has ever offered.

## Kipling's Verse Made Substitute for Bible

The American army of occupation in the Philippines used to have a song—familiar to Washington—in which one of the noisiest lines was "Civilize them with the Krag," says London Answers. All that is now ancient history, and the civilization of the Moros has long been aided by the Bible and the graphophone. It will soon be the Bible and radio.

One of the famous exponents of the Krag form of civilization, Colonel Cloman, died recently and has left behind a book of memoirs published under the title of "Myself and a Few Moros." It is a "he man's book."

Among other things it tells of the colonel's visit to the sultana of Sulu in the absence of her lord the sultan. The colonel had to present his government's compliments, and a graphophone that not merely played records, but made them. He was accompanied by the high priest of Sulu, who acted as chaperon. The graphophone made a great sensation, which culminated when the priest recited into it the first chapter of the Koran, and the witch instrument repeated tone for tone what the old man had said.

Not to be outdone in courtesy, the sultana thereupon insisted that the colonel should recite into the instrument the first chapter of his Koran, the Bible, so that she might play it over for the consolation of future guests from the land beyond the waters.

The colonel was stumped for a moment. He revered his Bible at a distance. Yet he dared not hesitate. The only thing he could recall was one of Kipling's ballads, and this he intoned with all solemnity, rolling out the lines: "I've taken my fun where I've found it; I've rogued an' I've ranged in my time."

The colonel said the sultana was impressed, but he wondered ever since what the first missionary who came along said when the sultana let loose the graphophone to show how familiar she was with the religion of the Americans.

### Concerning the Bible

Most persons think that the Bible was first written exactly as it appears today. But such is not the case. It was originally one continuous piece of text, with no divisions of any kind—no sections, no chapters, no verses, no divisions of words even, or punctuation. Its division into lines to suit the sense was done by Euthalius of Alexandria in the last half of the fifth century. Its division into chapters is ascribed to two archbishops, Lanfranc, in the eleventh century, and Langton, in the thirteenth century, and a cardinal, Hugo de Sancto Caro, about 1250. Rabbi Nathan began the division of the Bible into sections about 1445, and another Hebrew, Athias, completed the work in 1661. An English printer, Robert Stephens, introduced the present division into verses in 1551.

### Venus' Basket

Venus' basket is a glass-silk sponge which grows in the tropical seas of the Pacific, from the Fujiyama region to the Indian ocean. By the Japanese it is called the mineral silk sponge, and is used for its fiber, which is woven into chemical fiber cloths, into fireproof candlesticks and into delicate fireproof curtains. In its natural state the glass-sponge is covered with these long silky fibers which are used in the arts referred to. A small tuft of these fibers covers the base.

The specimens are raked up from the ocean bed, and the framework, which cannot be separated into fiber for weaving, is employed in the covering of steam pipes and in cold-storage insulation, where it has been found equal to asbestos.

### Sacred Canon of Egyptians

The Hermetic books was the name given to the sacred canon of the ancient Egyptians, consisting of 42 books, divided into six sections. They derive their name from their reputed author, Hermes Trismegistus, and are an encyclopedia of theology, religion, art and sciences.

Their authorship and time of production are alike unknown, but they are supposed to have been written by Egyptian Neo-Platonists in the fourth century after Christ.

Jamblichus gives their number as 20,000 and Manetho as 36,525. According to some of the ancients, Pythagoras and Plato derived all their knowledge from these "Hermetic books," the Detroit News states.

### Elephants Increasing

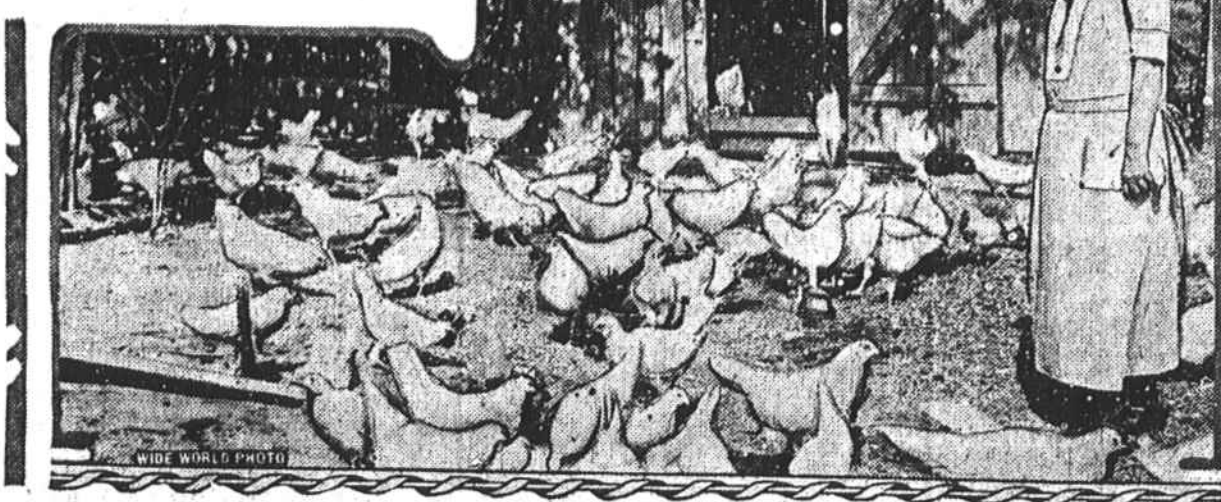
Laws to protect elephants in Africa have apparently begun to accomplish their purpose, for the animals are again increasing in numbers. Only a few years ago more than 50,000 elephants a year were slaughtered for their tusks and it was feared that they would become as nearly extinct in other parts of Africa as they are in the region south of the Zambesi. There is no longer any Cape market for ivory; most of the ivory trade now centers in Mozambique.—Youth's Companion.

### Heifers Had to Swim

Four heifer calves belonging to Sam Carson of Hermiton, Ore., involuntarily made a record long-distance swim. The heifers strayed away from the herd and fell into a congested canal. The water was too deep for them to wade and the calves were too steep for them to swim, so they had to be in or perish. They were not by a farmer, the miles below the Carson place and removed by us of boat.

## Next Governor of Texas Will Be a Woman

Texas Democrats in the run-off primary have nominated Mrs. Miriam A. Ferguson of Temple for governor, and the nomination is practically equivalent to election. Mrs. Ferguson, who is here shown on her chicken ranch, is the wife of former Governor Ferguson, who was impeached. She was opposed by the Klan.



## No Bobbed Hair for These Senators' Secretaries



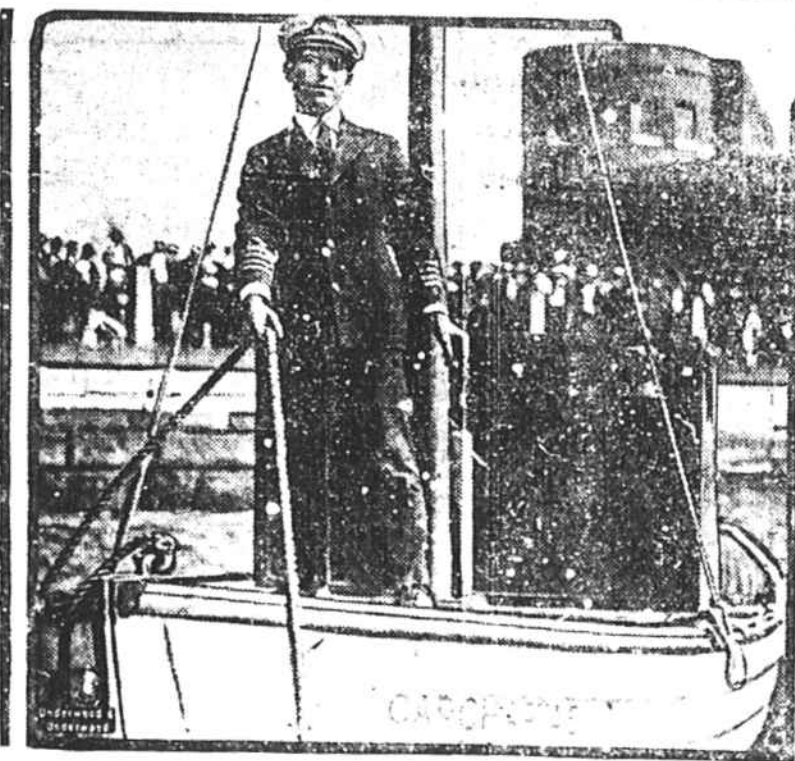
Seven pretty girls employed as secretaries and clerks to United States senators have taken a solemn oath that they will not have their hair bobbed. Left to right, they are, standing—Mrs. Jane Codd, Miss Violette Creque, Miss Lola Williams. Seated—Miss Nan Chase, Miss Alice Uphoff, Miss Mae Finetti and Miss Alice Douglas Jones.

## Guarded Illicit Still With Arms



Federal agents ran into two armed Amazons when they attempted to raid the plant of a moonshine king near St. Paul, Minn. Both are daughters of Alex Freiermuth. When agents approached the distillery on a supposedly deserted farm, Florence Freiermuth, fifteen (left), grabbed a shotgun, and her sister, Mrs. Susie F. Doffing, aged twenty, grabbed a pistol, and tried to drive them away.

## Starts Alone to Sail Around World



Dimitris Sifonidis, twenty-six-year-old, is the youngest man to sail around the world alone. He started on his voyage on a "shark" on which he has started to sail. The ship is 22 feet long, 7 feet wide, and 1 foot in height.

## WEALTHY HOBO MARRIES



James Eads How, known the world over as the "millionaire hobo," was quietly married the other day to Ingeborg J. Sorensen, formerly his secretary, at the home of the bride's aunt in Chicago. Mr. How, although possessed of a fortune of between \$750,000 and \$1,000,000, has spent the major portion of his life in attempts to better the conditions of the poor, and has himself lived as a "hobo."

## SHI'S A BEAUTY



The fact that she has won the beauty awards gives Miss Joan Shields, telephone operator at Cincinnati, the title of the country's prettiest hobo girl.

## Lightning and Fires

Lightning struck a barn in this country's most recent storm, and caused a fire which destroyed the barn. The fire was caused by a lightning bolt which struck the barn and set it on fire. The fire spread rapidly and destroyed the entire structure. The loss is estimated at \$5,000.

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Not Soon Enough  
"What did you think of my death scene?" asked the actor.  
"Well, it seemed to me it came a little late in the piece," was the reply.

## BACK ACHY?

Lame and achy in the morning? Tortured with backache all day long? No wonder you feel worn out and discouraged! But have you given any thought to your kidneys? Weak kidneys cause just such troubles; and you are likely to have headaches, tooth aches, dizzy spells, stabbing pains and other kidney irregularities. Don't risk neglect! Use Doan's Pills, a stimulant diuretic to the kidneys. Doan's have helped thousands. They should help you. Ask your neighbor!

## A South Carolina Case

Mrs. M. Holmes, 78 Laurel Street, Columbia, S. C., says: "I had considerable trouble with my back aching all day long. When I did any bending, my back was stiff and lame and my kidneys acted irregularly, too. Headaches annoyed me so that I used Doan's Pills and was helped almost right away. Doan's cured me."

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