

GOVERNOR MORRISON OPENS LEGISLATURE WITH SPEECH URGING ADOPTION REPORT

Says the Proposed Amendment Could Not be Submitted to the People of the State in its Present Form Without Peril to the Credit of the State in Respect to Sale of Bonds for the Construction of Highways. Defect, He Says, is in the Provision Prohibiting Putting into the Sinking Fund for Redemption of Highway Bonds any Revenue Derived From Special Tax.

Raleigh, Aug. 7.—Greeted by sweltering summer weather the North Carolina General Assembly convened in extraordinary session to consider two matters which the governor of the State considers of primary importance.

Tonight the members had before them the governor's recommendation that the adoption and submission to a vote of the people the report of the State Ship and Port Commission.

Creation of state port terminals at various points on the eastern coast of North Carolina, authorization of a bond issue for \$7,000,000 for port terminals, warehouses, docks, etc., on and donated by the shippers. Authorization of a bond issue for \$1,500,000 to be used if necessary to establish a State owned ship line.

Creation of a commission with the power to carry out the recommendation of the present commission, and with authority to issue and spend the bond issues as provided by law.

Authority of the re-acquisition of the State of the Cape Fear and Yadkin Valley Railroad, built by the State and sold years ago, and divided by the Southern Railway and the Atlantic Coast Line.

They also had the recommendation of the governor for the repeal of the measure submitting to the people a constitutional amendment relating to the sinking fund for the State highway bonds, which provides that none of the gasoline and motor vehicles shall be placed in the sinking fund an adoption of an amendment providing for the use of these taxes in the sinking fund. If amendment would be submitted in November, and the governor told the assembly in joint session that he would not support it unless they acted according to his recommendations.

Dr. John A. Hartley, pastor of St. Mary's Church of Kinston, of which Speaker Dawson is a member delivered the invocation in the House, and Rev. Corey of Raleigh in the Senate. After Governor Morrison had delivered his address the assembly adjourned until tomorrow until 11:00 o'clock out of respect of the memory of the late Locke Craig, who died recently.

The Governor's Address. The governor, in delivering his address to the members of the General Assembly spoke in part as follows:

Gentlemen of the General Assembly: I am sorry that my sense of duty required me to call you here in Extra Session during this hot summer weather, but I am sure you will recognize that it could not be avoided when you hear with particularity my reasons for doing so.

The proposed amendment to our State constitution enacted by you in your regular session could not be submitted to the people of the State in its present form without serious peril to the credit of the State in respect to its sale of bonds for the construction of highways. Soon after the adjournment of the regular session the defect in this proposed amendment to our constitution was discovered by the Attorney upon whose opinion we were selling the highway bonds as well as by some of those who were heavily investing in them. This presented a very serious difficulty and it was only overcome by the State Treasurer and myself assuring them that the amendment would not be presented to the people in its present form, although it might require a Special Session of the General Assembly to prevent it. We could not have continued the sale of our highway bonds without heavy loss in their price but for making this promise.

The Defect. The defect of which I refer is in the proposed amendment's provision prohibiting putting into the Sinking Fund for the redemption of the highway bonds any revenue derived from a special tax levied for such sinking funds should be taken from the general revenues of the state. It was feared this would prevent using any gasoline tax and for licenses to motor vehicles, being placed in such funds. This was not intended by you, I am sure. It was not intended by the draftsmen of this proposed amendment. It is absolutely necessary to correct it. This can only be done by an extra session.

I therefore, most earnestly recommend that the amendment proposed be

LAFOLLETTE IS MAKING READY FOR CAMPAIGN

Tells Inquirers That He is in Excellent Physical Condition, Entirely Recovered.

Washington, Aug. 7.—Priming himself for strenuous days of campaigning ahead, Senator LaFollette, independent candidate for President, remains practically in seclusion here. He is delivering no speeches, although he is preparing some for use later in the campaign, is leaving management of his campaign, particularly the details, to others, and has only a limited number of conferences with friends and political advisers.

As a rule the Wisconsin Senator rises about 7:30 A. M., and after breakfast and a leisurely perusal of morning newspapers, goes to the capitol. He rarely walks, preferring to ride in his automobile. Most of the day he remains tucked away in an out of the way office, separate from his suite in the Senate office building, where his son, Robert M. LaFollette, Jr., campaign director here, and a force of aides, do the work.

Senator LaFollette tells inquirers that he is in excellent physical condition, having entirely recovered from his illness of the winter and spring.

NOTED SURGEON KILLS HIMSELF

Dr. Robert G. Leconte Leaves Blood-stained Note Attributing Act to Financial Troubles

Philadelphia, Aug. 7.—Leaving a blood-stained note to his wife, ascribing his act to financial troubles, the police said, Dr. Robert G. Leconte, internationally famous surgeon, shot and killed himself in his home here last night.

Relatives found the body lying beside the doctor's desk, with a bullet wound in the left temple. Beside him lay a pistol with one cartridge exploded. Two other cartridges, however, bore the imprint of the firing pin, showing that the doctor had pulled the trigger three times before the weapon was discharged.

Dr. Leconte's death was the third in two days among the noted physicians of the city: Dr. Duncan L. Despard, was shot to death yesterday by a former patient, while Dr. David McFarland Castle died at the age of 81, after a long illness.

LAY WITNESSES INTRODUCED IN FRANKS CASE

Miss Nathan Appears on Stand to Impair Her Testimony That She Was Varying Remarks.

Chicago, Aug. 7. (AP)—Introduction of lay witnesses by the defense in seeking mitigation of punishment for Nathan F. Leopold, Jr., and Richard Loeb, confessed murderers of Robert Franks, whom they had kidnapped, brought from Robert E. Crowe, state's attorney, the shouted charge that one of them had "committed deliberate perjury."

Miss Nathan, a school day friend of Loeb's was on the stand today, when Mr. Crowe, seeking to impair her testimony charged that she was varying her remarks from statements she had made in his office shortly after Loeb was arrested for the Franks murder.

Miss Nathan had just testified that she previously was fond of Loeb as he was fond of her, but she did not feel that way now, and that being a lady, would not lie to aid Loeb. Mr. Crowe's denial of the defense's right to have Miss Nathan read her earlier statement, led to an early recess of the court.

The defense and state were directed to bring in authorities on the defense's contention that Miss Nathan should see the records of earlier remarks, before proceeding as a witness.

JOHN G. DAWSON OF KINSTON IS AGAIN CHAIRMAN

Re-elected by a Rousing Vote at Meeting State Democratic Executive Committee.

Raleigh, Aug. 7. (AP)—John G. Dawson, of Kinston, was re-elected by a rousing vote as chairman of the Democratic state executive committee, at a meeting held by the committee in the hall of the House of Representatives tonight.

W. C. Coughenour, of Salisbury, was unanimously elected as secretary to succeed W. T. Joyner, and Miss Jane Henderson, of Salisbury, was elected to succeed herself as vice-chairman of the committee.

W. A. Hoke was nominated by the committee as the Democratic candidate to succeed himself as chief justice of the state supreme court, and Geo. W. Conner was nominated as a Democratic candidate himself as associate justice.

The nominations were made necessary by the death of chief justice Walter Clark, Judge Hoke, having been appointed successor to Judge Clark, and Judge Conner to succeed Judge Hoke as an associate justice by the Governor.

Gudger Edwards, of Rutherford, was elected a member of the executive committee, to succeed Sol Gallett, of Asheville, deceased.

DAVIS ANGLES FOR SUPPORT OF LABOR UNIONS

Correspondence Was Between Samuel Gompers and William B. Wilson.

Atlantic City, Aug. 7. (AP)—Members of the executive council of the American Federation of Labor predicted today a nation-wide interest in the publication last night of correspondence, which showed that John W. Davis, Democratic Presidential nominee had sought a conference with Samuel Gompers, and explained why the council refused to endorse the LaFollette-Wheeler candidacy, until after Mr. Davis' acceptance address.

The correspondence was between Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, and William B. Wilson, former Secretary of Labor, and the United Mine Workers of America, and present member of the staff of the Democratic National Committee at Washington.

The correspondence set forth that Mr. Davis had, last July 17, begun negotiating with Mr. Gompers for a conference, but conflicting engagements kept them apart until Mr. Davis suggested that Mr. Gompers give him "a statement of the questions in which labor is chiefly interested." It set forth that Mr. Gompers professing a willingness to confer with Mr. Davis, declined this last request, saying: "I cannot submit questions to you which would not be equally submitted to by other candidates for the Presidency."

DEMOCRATS OF TENNESSEE GO TO THE POLLS

Close Vote Expected in Race for Nomination of Senator. Hot Campaigns.

Nashville, Tenn., Aug. 7.—As the Democratic hordes invaded the polls today to cast their ballots in the party primary, they were faced with what was indicated to be an extremely close vote in the nomination of a United States Senator from among Senator John K. Shields, seeking re-nomination, Judge Nathan L. Bachman, and General Lawrence Tyson. Judge H. B. Lindsey is the nominee of the Republican party for the Senate, without opposition in the primary of that party, which is also being held today.

A Democratic governor and a member of the railroad commission is to be decided between Governor Austin Peay for re-nomination, opposed by John R. Neal, and in the latter race Harvey H. Hannah, incumbent, opposed by Sam E. Hill.

ESTATE TO PAY HALF IN TAXES. Belfast, Aug. 7. (AP)—The late Lord Pirbright, head of the shipbuilding firm of Harland & Wolff, left an estate of nearly \$20,000,000. The death duties on the estate, it is said, will amount to nearly \$10,000,000.

SOUTH CAROLINA TOBACCO MARKETS GET UNDER WAY MOST AUSPICIOUS MANNER

LEUTENANTS HOP OFF FROM LANGLEY FIELD YESTERDAY

On Way to Pictou, Nova Scotia in Douglas Cruising Plane for Lt. Wade to Resume Flight.

Newport News, Va., Aug. 7. (AP)—Lieutenants George C. McDonald and V. E. Bestandias hopped off from Langley Field at 11:28 o'clock this morning for Pictou, Nova Scotia, in the Douglas cruising plane, in which Lieutenant Wade will resume his round-the-world flight.

The start was made after a postponement from 8 o'clock this morning was found necessary on account of trouble with the oil pump in the machine, which had been christened "Boston, II."

Washington, Aug. 7. (AP)—A safe landing place for the world fliers on their next stop has been located by the Army aviation party on the coast of Greenland at Skalut, the Army Air Service was informed today.

The proposed base is about 75 miles from Reykjavik, in Iceland, where the two fliers have been awaiting word of the success of the exploring party. It is expected that an early resumption of the attempt to "tie in" the 25,000 mile airline around the world will now be made.

REPUBLICANS TO COMPLETE PLANS FOR CAMPAIGN

Will Be Brought Up Next Week For Final Consideration.

Washington, Aug. 7.—Republican party campaign plans, in process of formulation since the nomination of President Coolidge, are to be brought up here next week for final consideration.

At that time all leaders of the party will be present for the exercises of the formal notification of President Coolidge of his nomination on August 14 and the results of nationwide surveys will be taken up by the chieftains with the President. It is the opinion of C. Bascom Slem, the President's secretary and one of his close political advisers, that the Republicans will await for the opposition to make the first move. The Republican ticket, he says, has been gaining favor throughout the nation, and a campaign of an extended nature is not necessary until the opposition has shown its hands.

MEETING HELD AT SMITHFIELD TO GET TOURIST TRADE

People of Eastern Carolina Determined to Set Tourists to Visit This Section of State.

Kinston, Aug. 7.—The meeting held in Smithfield Wednesday was one of the most enthusiastic meetings yet held in the interest of getting tourists to come through Eastern Carolina this season. The people of the Eastern part of the state, or rather that part covered by the Eastern Carolina Chamber of Commerce, are determined to get some of this business, and they don't intend to wait for another generation to go after it, either. "We want it this season," V. Snipes, of Dunn, said in a speech made before the meeting at Smithfield. This meeting was called by the Eastern Carolina Chamber of Commerce at the request of the people of the towns interested from Smithfield south. Secretary Bartlett attended the meeting, and offered to help in any way possible to get tourists into Eastern North Carolina.

Permanent Organization. A permanent organization formed with T. C. Young, of Smithfield, chairman; and Eugene Lee, secretary-treasurer. A committee will be appointed from each town in the line which will act as the steering committee for the coming season.

Many Cities Have Best Breaks in the History of Their Markets.

LARGE AMOUNT OF THE WEED DISPOSED OF

Warehouses Are Filled to Capacity and Buyers From All Sections of the Country Are Present at the Openings

Lake City, Aug. 5.—The opening of the tobacco market here today, resulted in the sales by three large auction sales floors of more than average price of fifteen cents, prices ranging from three cents to sixty cents per pound. All three warehouses were filled to capacity. The co-operative warehouse received from its members more than thirty thousand pounds, all of which was graded. First advances were settled, as well as the fourth payment on the 1923 crop, the latter payment on which amounted to around \$75,000.

Every member of the association appeared pleased with the final results of last year's crop. Large sales are expected here tomorrow, and every day this week. A full corps of buyers for all the large companies will be on hand for the season.

High Prices at Timmonsville. Timmonsville, Aug. 7.—The Timmonsville tobacco market opened auspiciously today by selling approximately 20,000 pounds, averaging twenty-five cents in the two independent warehouses by five o'clock this afternoon. Although an enormous amount of tobacco was still on the floors, the sale was discontinued until tomorrow morning. A satisfactory amount was also received by the co-operatives.

Activity at Dillon. Dillon, Aug. 5.—The tobacco opening in Dillon today was a satisfactory one for the warehouses and for the farmers. There was more than 150,000 pounds sold on the auction floors of the two open warehouses, the prices ranging from three to forty-five cents per pound.

P. Watkins, at the head of one of the warehouses, and Paul V. Hardy, at the head of the other, give Dillon two outstanding men in the tobacco trade for its leaders in the sales of the leaf.

The co-operative warehouse is also open, and it received more than 20,000 pounds today, which brings the total pounds received here on the opening above 170,000 pounds. The tobacco is light in weight, the farmers seem well pleased at the out turn.

Opening at Florence. Florence, Aug. 5.—With around \$25,000 or \$30,000 in checks to be delivered to the members who delivered tobacco to the Florence receiving station of the Co-operative Tobacco Association opened its doors to receive the 1924 crop this morning. Manager Martin is very optimistic over the outlook, and is confident that this will be a very prosperous season for the association and its members.

The checks that are being given out represent a payment of 12.1-1 per cent of the bankers' valuation of the 1923 crop, and many farmers are bringing their new crop to the warehouse, getting their advance on it together with the check for their 1923 crop, making a very respectable amount for each one.

The independent tobacco markets opened in Florence this morning with some 25,000 pounds of the weed on its floor, and a full corps of buyer present, representing the large tobacco companies of this country and England. The price received on the auction floor ran all the way from \$1.60 to \$25 per hundred. These prices are expected to be boosted as the better grades come in and the market advances.

Sales at Darlington. Darlington, Aug. 7.—

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J. C. PENNEY CO. A NATION WIDE CHAIN DEPARTMENT STORES

This Organization With 571 Retail Department Stores Will Open a Branch Here-Soon.

The J. C. Penney Co., which operates the world's largest chain of department stores will open a branch in Goldsboro, sometime about the first of September at 130 N. Center St. The company is opening nine stores in this state this month. This is the first year that they have opened stores in North Carolina. 96 new stores are being opened throughout the United States this fall. The stores are opening only in towns that are thriving, and have a large future.

The chain now has stores in 41 states, and probably there will be stores in every state of the Union inside of the next two years. For years the organization was known as the Golden Rule Stores, of the Western states. It was just 23 years ago that Mr. J. C. Penney opened the first store in Kemmer, Wyoming, doing a volume of business for the first year of a little over \$20,000. In the 23 years the company has grown to be the largest of the department store chains in the world, owning and operating 571 stores, and last year doing a volume of business of over \$62,000,000 and this year expected to do a volume of between \$75,000,000 and \$80,000,000.

The personnel of the company is 90 per cent American, and it is a ruling that only clean upright men can enter the employ of the company.

The success of the company is attributed to the fact that every man employe by the company is given a chance to work up into the position of a manager of some one of its stores, operated or being opened. Also this manager is given one-third interest in the store, and becomes a one-third owner of the store. Later when he makes enough money to capitalize a new store, he is allowed to open another store, and put one of his salesmen in that store as manager, and give him one-third interest and also get to keep one-third interest himself.

This way every man in every store is working and doing his utmost for the advancement of the whole company, and at the same time he is stepping up towards being a manager himself. Unlike other chain stores, the manager owns one-third interest in the store, and is an interested permanent resident of the city in which his store is located.

Stores will be located in the following nine North Carolina towns this summer: Goldsboro, Winston-Salem, Wilson, New Bern, Wilmington, Statesville, Concord, Rocky Mount, and Burlington.

Being a tremendous buyer of merchandise, it will be understood that its position in the market enables the company to place a high standard upon the quality of goods it accepts for the trade of its stores. It never handles bankrupt stocks, manufacturers' seconds or other merchandise of an undesirable character.

While many lines of goods are made exclusively for the J. C. Penney Co., and sold under its own trade marks, it also handles other goods of nationally-known superiority. Its stocks embrace dress goods, silks, wash fabrics, domestics, blankets, ladies' ready to wear, corsets, millinery, hosiery, men's clothing, men's furnishings, notions and shoes for the whole family.

A large staff of buyers and office men are employed in the head offices of the company at New York City, St. Louis, Mo. and St. Paul, Minn.

The J. C. Penney is fast taking its place at the head of the great chain store companies, and they are doing it upon the only sound basis it can be done, of merchandising a greater volume of goods of unquestionable merit at prices that attract trade, and to hold that trade by a service that wins the loyalty of their customers. They never hold sales, selling at one price to everyone at all times. This is the only formula for success, and the J. C. Penney Co. officers have applied it with unusual effect, as their report shows.

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