

PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATURE

HAPPENING OF INTEREST IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA.

'POSSOMS TO BE PROTECTED

\$4,674,573 Paid into the State Treasury by Insurance Commissioner Young Since Assuming Office.

The Senate.
Raleigh, Jan. 24.—President Gardner convened the senate at 11 o'clock.

There was unfavorable committee report for the bill to amend the charter of Cherryville and for the bill to put Swain county sheriff on a salary.

A special message from the governor transmitted the report and recommendations of Insurance Commissioner James R. Young. This showed \$4,674,573 paid into the state treasury the past fiscal year and a total of \$4,674,573 paid into the state treasury since Commissioner Young became commissioner.

New bills were introduced as follows:

Connor — by request — Petitions from the Farmers Union recommending that testimony of women be put on a par with men in court trials; full women's suffrage; make laws against usury equally applicable whether the debt is secured by mortgage or not; popular election of federal judges; abolish corporation commission and create a railroad commission and a separate state tax commission; standardize agricultural machinery so all parts will be interchangeable; provide phosphate rock through the state department of agriculture on the same basis that lime is now supplied.

The House.
The house, Speaker Brummitt presiding, was opened with prayer by Rev. C. A. Ashby, of the Episcopal church.

New bills introduced were: Griffin—To protect opossums in Union county.

Davenport—Further provide for the protection of forests in this state.

John, of Currituck—Repeal an act of 1899 as to the appointment of the commission of agriculture.

The Senate.
Jan. 25.—The senate was convened at 10 o'clock by Senator A. M. Scales in the absence of Lieut. Gov. Gardner and prayer was offered by Representative Dempsey L. Hewett, of Brunswick county.

The regular business on the calendar was taken up following the introduction of bills, adjournment being taken at 10:45 o'clock.

Several bills were introduced, among which were:

S. B. 167: Carr—To increase pensions for Confederate soldiers.

Senator Carr, of Duplin, also introduced in the senate yesterday a bill to appropriate \$25,000 to be used in purchasing hog cholera serum.

The House.
The following roll call bills passed their second reading:

H. B. 115, S. B. 139—To ratify and validate taxes for Martin county for the years 1918, 1919 and 1920.

S. B. 135—To authorize commissioners of Wilson county to build court house and issue bonds for same.

The following bill passed its third reading and was ordered ratified:

H. B. 51, S. B. 84—Authorizing issue of state bonds to pay issue due April 1, 1919.

The Senate.
Jan. 28.—The senate was convened by President Gardner at noon with prayer by Dr. Bruner, of the Baptist church.

There came from the secretary of state, a report showing the county boards of education nominated for the various counties subject to this method of appointing the boards through legislative confirmation.

New bills were introduced in the senate as follows:

Scales—Amend the primary law, Chapter 101, Laws of 1915, by providing that women have the right to

Women Have Same Right as Men.

Women involved in seduction trials should have the same rights as men, the members of senate judiciary committee No. 1 think and they have reported favorable action on Senator Scales' bill which permits the unsupported testimony of the women to be taken as evidence in seduction trials. Under the present statutes, this cannot be done.

This committee will also report favorably Senator Burns' bill requiring a health certificate before a marriage license is issued.

Doughton Voted "No."

Washington, Special.—On the bill to pension Mrs. Theodore Roosevelt \$5,000 a year, the North Carolina house members voted as follows:

Doughton, against; Godwin, Hood, Kitchin, Stedman, Weaver and Pou, for, and Webb, Small and Robinson were absent.

Mr. Doughton said it was time to quite such donations. He thinks Mrs. Roosevelt has enough without it. Eight other members voted with him in opposition to the proposition.

vote in these primaries.

Cowper, of Lenoir—Encourage road building in North Carolina.

Scales—Amend the revision regarding seduction.

Beddingfield—Request members of Congress to oppose encroachments on the rights of states.

Mangum—Amend the law as to bastardy so as to require fathers to support such children.

Senator Brown offered a joint resolution for a constitutional convention to be voted on at the next general election, when 120 delegates to the convention would be elected.

The convention would be restricted to an initial 30-day session to receive amendments, the convention then to adjourn for 60 days and reassemble for a 30-day session to adopt the proposed amendments for a new constitution. The convention would convene for the first 30-day session on the first Monday in May.

The House.
Speaker Brummitt convened the house at 11 o'clock with prayer by Rev. W. W. Peele, of the Methodist church.

A joint resolution by Representative Grantham was introduced and given immediate passage as an emergency measure, providing for about 40 inmates of the Caswell Training School at Kinston, to be transferred to the state hospital here pending the rebuilding of the dormitories recently burned at the training school. This was sent to the senate by special messenger for immediate action by that body so that there shall be no further delay in making the transfer.

Representative Douglas, chairman of the finance committee, introduced a bill to amend the constitution to fix minimum income taxation for single men at \$1,000 and married men at \$1,500; specify that incomes from property shall not be taxed at a higher rate than six per cent and poll taxes to be \$2 on persons from 21 to 50.

The Senate.

Jan. 29.—The senate was convened at 11 o'clock by Lieutenant Governor O. Max Gardner, the invocation being offered by Rev. Dr. T. W. O'Kelley, pastor of the First Baptist church.

The regular business on the calendar was taken up.

Under authority of a resolution passed by the senate, the chair announced the appointment of a special committee on forestry as follows: Stevens, Harding, Cowper of Lenoir, Scales, Long of Montgomery.

The following bills of more or less general interest were introduced:

S. B. 220: Ross—To amend section 5 of chapter 102 of the Public Laws of 1917 relating to special school taxes in North Carolina.

S. B. 221: Fisher—To protect renters.

S. B. 222: Cowper of Lenoir—To amend and strengthen laws for control of contagious diseases of animals.

The House.

The house passed the following bills:

H. B. 63—Repeal free road labor law in Warren.

S. B. 75, H. B. 204—To allow cities and towns to create planning boards.

The Senate.

Jan. 30.—Discussion of salary increases featured the two hour session of the senate. The amended bill of Representative Saunders, which as reported to the Senate simply removes first degree burglary and arson from the list of capital crimes, went over as a special order for next Tuesday.

The Shipman child labor bill providing for factory inspection under the supervision of the Commissioner of Labor and Printing reached the senate via Senator Connor and was referred to the committee on manufactures of which Senator Mangum is chairman.

The House.

Representative Victor S. Bryant, chairman of the house committee on education, introduced the State Educational Department's bills to provide a six months' school term, in compliance with the constitution as amended at the last general election, and to provide a county school budget and fix a minimum salary for teachers.

Other new bills included one by Matthews to divide the State into five judicial districts; one by Young to erect a memorial on foreign soil to North Carolina soldiers and one by Mintz, at the request of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen, to promote the safety of travelers and employees upon railroads.

Some New Corporations.

Charters were issued from the office of the Secretary of State for the following corporations to do business in North Carolina:

Plywood Corporation, of Goldsboro, to manufacture lumber, with \$100,000 authorized capital and \$40,000 subscribed. The incorporators are A. H. Edgerton, J. L. Borden and H. Weil, all of Goldsboro.

Amendment was filed to the charter of the Catawba Co-operative Creamery, of Hickory to change name of the concern to Catawba Creamery Co.

Dr. Chase Succeeds Dean Stacy.

The trustees of the University of North Carolina in special session here designated Dr. Chase of the university faculty to succeed the lamented Professor Stacy as chairman of the faculty in connection with the temporary readjustment that followed the death of President Graham. Gov. Bickett was directed to name a committee of five to investigate and recommend to a subsequent meeting suitable persons to be considered for the presidency of the university.

BICKETT BELIEVES IN SAVING MONEY

REASONS FOR ERECTING ONE BUILDING ON CAMPUS OF STATE COLLEGE.

WOULD SAVE STATE \$150,000

Additional Co-Operation Would Be Secured Between the College and Department of Agriculture.

Raleigh.—Reasons for the erection of a single building on the campus of the State College for the use of the Department of Agriculture were set forth at length in the special message sent to the general assembly by Gov. Bickett.

The governor believes that by doing this and concentrating the women's work at the State Normal at Greensboro, a saving of \$150,000 can be effected. Also, he argues that the presence of the building on the college grounds would tend to additional co-operation between college and the department of agriculture.

Low Scores for Hotels.

Raleigh.—The hotels of the state are not living quite up to their usual high standard of sanitary excellence, if the scores made by twenty-three hotels recently inspected by official representatives of the state board of health can be taken as safe index. Of the twenty-three hotels inspected, only three scored as high as ninety. These were the Kentucky Home, Hendersonville, with a score of 93; Blue Ridge, Hendersonville, 92; New Briggs Hotel, Wilson, 90.

Other hotels inspected scored as follows: The Southland, Wilson, 87; Proctor, Greenville, 87; Imperial, Canton, 87; Imperial, Wilson, 86; Entella, Bryson City, 85; Gordon, Waynesville, 84; Critcher, Boone, 82; Mountain, Jefferson, 81; West Jefferson, West Jefferson, 77; Waynesville, Waynesville, 76; Blue Mont, North Wilkesboro, 76; Suyaeta, Waynesville, 74; Seabrook, Wilson, 73; Blount, Bethel, 72; Tull, Kinston, 71; Bonair, Waynesville, 70; Kenmore, Waynesville, 70; Wilson, Wilson, 66; Central, Canton, 63; Young's, Bakersville, 62.

Asheville Gets Baptist Convention.

Asheville.—The State Baptist convention will hold its 1919 session in Asheville. The mountain city was selected as the place of the meeting by the state board of missions which met in this city for permanent organization and the regular annual appropriation of State missions. The date of the convention will be December 8-11.

After making an appropriation of \$65,000 for missions in North Carolina, this money going to churches and associations dependent upon the state convention for maintenance funds, the board officials for the ensuing year completed its work by naming Rev. Livingston Johnson president to succeed the late Dr. John E. Ray. J. D. Berry was elected recording secretary of the board.

Sees First Street Car.

Greensboro.—In superior court the grand jury returned a true bill against James Coble, alias James Shoe, charged with the murder of Henry L. Amick on Christmas eve. It is said that this man, although living in Guilford county had not been to Greensboro for 20 years until brought here by the officers Christmas day. He then saw a street car for the first time.

May Extend Car Service.

Gastonia.—An important conference was held by a special transportation committee of the chamber of commerce, headed by W. T. Love and E. Thomason, general manager of the Piedmont and Northern lines, with reference to extending the local street car service from Groves east of the city, to Ranlo, a mile further out. The establishment at Ranlo mills with a population of several hundred people, makes this extension of the service almost imperative.

Lynching Not Feared.

New Bern.—Word from Jacksonville, Onslow county, is to the effect that officers now anticipate no violence against John Daniels and Dan Petteway, both negroes, by whom Mr. Grover Dickey, farm manager for the Roper Lumber Co. at Camp Perry, near Jacksonville, was done to death. Mr. Dickey was struck on the head with a heavy wooden pole, which resulted in death. Both negroes were taken into custody by a sheriff's posse shortly after the fact became known that Mr. Dickey could not live.

Vicious Dogs Are Killed.

Hickory.—Two dogs, neither believed to be mad, were shot and killed today by Chief of Police Lentz in the campaign to rid Hickory of worthless or vicious dogs. Several persons have been bitten by dogs here recently and at least two have taken the Pasteur treatment at Raleigh. The latest victim is W. S. Pollard, who was attacked and bitten on the leg several nights ago, after the canine had entered his brother's home. Mr. Pollard killed the dog after a fierce encounter.

SHOTGUN ARGUMENT IMMINENT

Hoke County Landowners Whose Farms Have Been "Occupied" By Uncle Sam, Guard Property.

Southern Pines.—Uncle Sam will fool around down in Hoke county if he is not careful until he will start the movie camera in that direction, for the atmosphere is taking on a "mellerdramar" tang. A tourist who came up from there tells a story that has thrills in it. He fell in with an engineer who is working on the Camp Bragg survey, and he says the engineer told him that an irate citizen laid on a hill top for three days with a loaded shotgun to prevent the government forces from trespassing. It seems the government representatives have been following their own suggestions in dealing with private property that is in their way, saying to send bill and the government will pay, which it is said not to be doing, until the farmers have grown hot under the collar, and this particular farmer concluded he would not have a bill to send.

Grand Lodge A. F. M. Adjourns.

Raleigh.—At the concluding session of the annual meeting of the North Carolina grand lodge of Masons here the following officers were elected for 1919:

Grand master, Henry A. Grady, of Clinton.

Deputy grand master, James C. Braswell, of Whittakers.

Senior grand warden, J. Bailey Owen, of Henderson.

Junior grand warden, James H. Webb, of Hillsboro.

Grand treasurer, B. R. Lacy, of Raleigh.

Grand secretary, W. W. Willson, of Raleigh.

During the session Grand Master Norfleet, of Winston-Salem, and other speakers pointed out the need of increased support for the lodge orphanage at Oxford.

The annual reports showed that the work of both the Masonic and Eastern Star homes had been excellent. It was noted that the Oxford orphanage service flag contained 82 stars.

Twenty Gallons Not Too Much.

Kinston.—Robert F. Brady, a livestock dealer, went free in Superior court here after admitting the purchase of twenty gallons of whiskey from Thaddeus Tyndall, now serving a term on the Lenoir county roads for violation of the prohibition law. Brady paid \$120 for the liquor. He said it was delivered to his residence late at night. T. B. Brown, a neighbor, saw the delivery and was a witness against Brady. Judge Owen H. Guion in charging the jury said having more than the one gallon of whiskey in one's possession was prima facie evidence of having it for sale, but that the burden nevertheless was upon the state to prove beyond reasonable doubt that the defendant for it for sale and not for personal use, as Brady claimed in his defense. The jury acquitted the defendant.

Food Workers Demobilizing.

Raleigh.—The Food Administration which has been the largest administrative body in North Carolina during the war, is rapidly demobilizing. Several offices and a considerable part of Administrator Henry A. Page's office force was released a month ago and on Feb. 1 the balance of the staff at Raleigh with the exception of Executive Secretary John Paul Lucas and Mrs. E. P. W. Adickes chief clerk, will be released. Mr. Lucas and Mrs. Adickes will remain until all records can be closed, files assorted and shipped to Washington, the office equipment disposed of and the office closed.

State Administrator Page and County Food Administrators will remain in the service until peace is formally signed. With return of approximately normal conditions the activities of the administration will be very limited. Mr. Page and his organization will continue to keep a watchful and helpful eye on the cottonseed industry on account of the necessity for maintaining the stabilized program in the interest of producer, dealer and crusher; and a weather eye will also be kept open for any flagrant cases of profiteering in food and feedstuffs.

Child Burned to Death.

Hickory.—Four children of Mr. and Mrs. James A. Herman, who live four miles northeast of Hickory, were burned so badly by the explosion of a can, containing a mixture of kerosene and gasoline, that one of them died during the night and two others are in a precarious condition. The three younger children were playing with the mixture near the stove when it exploded with fatal results. The dead child is Claudie Irene, age six years.

Will Build Stemmery.

Goldsboro.—Goldsboro chamber of commerce had a request from an out of town expert tobacco man this week stating that if Goldsboro capitalists would erect a modern stemmery building he would lease it for a long term. At an interesting meeting held by the business men it was decided to build the stemmery and the attorney for the foregoing party was instructed to notify his client that such a building would be available. The influenza situation in the county is reported better.

NORTH CAROLINA CASUALTIES

Lite Reports From War Department of Casualties Overseas Among North Carolina Troops.

The following list of casualties among North Carolina troops overseas, as recently reported is as follows:

Killed in Action—Privates J. O. Holmesly, Lincolnton, previously reported missing; Lyons Reed, Winston-Salem, previously reported as wounded; W. V. Donnerson, Dover; J. M. Beason, Climax; Garfield Lowry, Pembroke; W. L. Morton, Hubert.

Died of Wounds—Private J. P. Garver, Lawndale; A. H. Walsler, Blowing Rock.

Died of Disease — Private Wm. Wooley, Badin; Lloyd Ausbon, Robertsonville; Lewis Battle, Battleboro; previously reported died of wounds; Samuel Henderson, Little River; Jeff Taylor, Elmore; T. E. Lewellyn, Round Peak; S. J. Lewis, Raleigh.

Died of Accident — Jas. Whitley, Huntersville; Lieut. H. L. Suggs, Spencer.

Missing—Private J. O. Holmesly, Lincolnton; Robt. Thompson, Wilmington; Wm. Farris, Madison, previously reported wounded severely; G. W. Hoffner, Salisbury, previously reported severely wounded.

Returned to Duty—Corps. E. N. Brown, Charlotte; W. W. Daniels, Elk Park; Private Jesse Benfield, Valacooa, all reported missing; Thos. Helms, Kannapolis, and Ernest Murray, Altamahaw, both previously reported missing; Herby E. Crawford, Whaley; William H. Daniels, Hughes; Ross J. Yount, Newton; Corp. Chas. Massey, Charlotte, all previously reported missing; L. W. Hatch, Burlington; W. H. Johnson, Haynes, both previously reported missing.

Severely Wounded—Sergts. Jno. C. Bynum, Edenton; S. F. Taylor, Ogreeta; W. N. Skelton, Burlington; Privates F. H. Lynn, China Grove; A. J. Williams, Chincupin; F. J. Kingsberry, Mt. Airy; J. D. Stokes, Wallace; Carl McManus, Monroe; David T. Gaines, Goldsboro; Robt. Lewis, Raleigh; Leonard Lambert, Mt. Pleasant; F. E. McNeil, Vass (last three previously reported missing); Privates Perry Best, Newton Grove; Benjamin Barnette, Lenoir; Grady W. Gartner, Mocsyville; Ernest Smith, Griffin; James F. Williams, Vineyard; Alonzo C. Wotten, Tarboro; B. S. Schondwald, Wilmington; Moses Todd, Middlesex; J. R. McLain, Sparta; Sgt. I. W. Warren, Asheville, and J. C. Cullum, Council, both previously reported missing; Ernest Nobles, Chadbourn; Mechanic O. S. Dorsett, Southern Pines; Wagoner L. P. Dixon, Wilson; Privates James Robinson, Almond; Grover Ward, Windsor; C. Kellum, Winston-Salem; Sgts. Jesse B. Champion, Mapleville; William C. Wiggs, Princeton; Corp. John W. Bentley, Kannapolis; Lieut. W. P. Parsons, Rockingham, previously reported missing; Private W. S. West, Goldsboro, previously reported missing; Jas. Allen, Wilmington; T. H. Fox, Green Mountain; Cling Hughes, Green Mountain; M. Harmon, Villas; W. F. Rook, High Point; Lonnie Smith, Smith; Corp. R. S. Allen, Reidsville, previously reported missing; Pvt. R. V. Elliott, Winston-Salem, previously reported killed; B. H. Gillen, High Point; Corp. J. H. Hannah, Waxhaw; Bugler C. N. Watson, Winton; Lieut. C. W. Higgins, Greensboro; Corp. W. L. Linker, Concord; Pvt. R. L. Humphreys, Kellum; H. C. Murray, Asheville (last four previously reported missing); G. O. Wilson, Beulaville; Lorenzo Price, Rocky Mount; D. F. Wade, Fayetteville; Corp. Horton Bledsoe, Todd; Emory L. Ray, State Road; Mechanic W. Ladd, Statesville; Geo. W. Glover, Belmont; L. D. Hall, Leicester; John E. Sykes, Wilmington; Pts. Thomas L. Mullins, Charlotte; McKinley Sharp, Speed; Joe M. Stacey, Joe; Frank Burnett, Bynum; Offie Dail, Snow Hill; Carl Luther, Rockingham Albert S. Allred, Mount Airy; John Gurganus, Bath; Oliver E. Matthews, Nashville; Luther P. Parker, Gibson; William M. Winters, Elk Park; Sgt. James D. Moss, Wilson; Corp. Robert F. Lewis, Wawanish; Mech. Bruno Musgrave, Pikeville.

Wounded Slightly—Pvt. Almond P. Westbrook, Dunn; Doctor C. Williamson, Rusk; Harold B. Jackson, Spring Hope; Elisha Flanigan, Seven Springs; Henry H. Foust, Siler City; James A. Haynes, Selma; Lieut. G. S. McKenzie, Faison; Corp. D. F. Graham, Lumber Bridge; Mechanic W. P. Killette, Wilson; Privts. Thos. J. Shaw, Wake Forest; Bruce L. Wright, Gibson.

Released from German Prison.

Washington.—The following American prisoners of war have returned to France after having been released from German prison camps, according to a war department announcement:

Chris E. Park, Rockwell, N. C.; Samuel Atkins, Ramseytown, N. C.

Soon Be Thing of Past.

Statesville.—Federal court will be held in Statesville beginning the first week in April next, the first term of court to be held here since April, 1917. All terms since that time have been removed to Salisbury on account of the fact that the western district exemption board was occupying the court room, and Judge Boyd did not interfere with their operations. The work of the district board is practically at an end and within a few weeks it will be a thing of the past.

LABOR PROBLEMS BECOMING SERIOUS

SURPLUSAGE OF UNEMPLOYED THROUGHOUT THE NATION IS RAPIDLY GROWING LARGER.

NEW PLANS FOR STIMULATION

The Department of Labor Proposes Two Plans by Which to Relieve Acuteness of Situation.

Washington.—The reports coming to the department of labor show that conditions of unemployment are becoming more serious and that labor surpluses are growing throughout the nation.

"The labor surplus in many industrial centers has increased rapidly in the last 10 days," said a statement issued by the department of labor. "Plants heretofore engaged in war work are not changing back to peace activities fast enough to hold their proper proportion of labor."

"The department of labor's investigation of ways and means to stimulate building and improvements and augment the absorption of labor in industry disclosed these two important ways of getting results:

"1. Legislation enabling the building and loan associations of the country to use their real estate mortgages for collateral in a system of federal home loan banks; and

"2. Legislation to authorize immediate adjustment and payment by the government of reasonable claims growing out of the summary rescinding of war contracts.

"The former would permit home builders to avail themselves of almost \$2,000,000,000 in loans; the latter would provide much-needed, immediate capital for manufacturing. It is probable a proposed law on the former soon will be introduced in Congress. Legislation on the latter now is pending in the United States senate."

UNEXPECTED OBSTACLES BAR PROGRESS ON REVENUE BILL

Washington.—New and unexpected obstacles to the long-delayed war revenue bill developed, resulting in settlement of more minor disputes between the senate and house, but entailing postponement of final action by the conferees and submission of the conference re-draft.

While house discussion was proceeding, it was learned that the conferees had agreed to a compromise amendment for pay bonuses of \$50 each to enlisted men and nurses and \$200 to officers of the army, navy and marine corps upon discharge. The bonus would be paid to those already discharged as well as to those subsequently given honorable discharge or who resign.

PRESIDENT WILSON TALKS PLAINLY TO DELEGATES

Paris.—The crisis in the peace negotiations over the disposition to be made of Germany's colonies seems, to have passed, momentarily at least.

It is too early to say President Wilson's view has prevailed in its entirety, but in American quarters there is confidence that a compromise plan, which has been accepted in principle, will be worked out with details which will be acceptable to the American viewpoint.

What he said did not appear in the official communique, nor has it been disclosed with any official authority but it may be stated that it was a very clear re-affirmation of the principles for which the President has previously contended. In phrases stripped of diplomatic niceties, it is understood, Mr. Wilson told the members of the supreme council he would not be a party to a division of Germany's colonial possessions among the powers which now hold them and then become a party to a league of nations, which, in effect, would guarantee their title. There are inferences that the President even referred to a peace of "loot."

ALL PRICE CONTROL OVER COAL BY UNCLE SAM ENDS

Washington.—All price control exercised by the fuel administration over anthracite and bituminous coal and coke will cease under a blanket order signed by Fuel Administrator Garfield and made public. Zone regulations and practically all rules for the distribution of fuel, as well as most regulations concerning oil and natural gas, promulgated under the Lever act as war measures, also are rescinded.

WILSON VICTORY IMMENSE BUT PROPOSAL MODIFIED

London.—The Paris correspondent of the Daily Mail says Japan on Thursday formally accepted the theory of internationalization of colonies and that it was understood South Africa had abandoned its opposition to the scheme.

"President Wilson," the correspondent adds, "undoubtedly won an immense diplomatic victory, but has had to modify his original proposals to some extent."