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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

LAWMAKERS TAKE ANOTHER RECESS UNTIL MONDAY.

The Anti-Cocaine Bill Passed by the House—Fight on the Lien Law Comes Up Next Wednesday—Heavy Tax on Immigration Agents Increased—Junket to Clemson College.

Columbia, Jan. 18.—The house today passed McMaster's bill forbidding the sale of cocaine, except under the personal supervision of a physician, made the bill to repeal the lien law the special order for next Wednesday, made Frost's bill to investigate the railroads special order for Monday, passed Sawyer's bill to increase the license fee of immigration agents to \$2,000, accepted Clemson college's invitation to visit that institution tomorrow week and adjourned over until Monday noon.

CLEMSON COLLEGE PAYS FOR LEGISLATIVE JUNKET.

Senate and House Had Brief Session Monday—Buckett Shop Bill Will Probably Pass—Another Bill to Abolish the State Dispensary.

Columbia, Jan. 21.—The house today had a two hours' session, but the business done was purely routine. There were two bills by Mr. Harman, of this county, one prohibiting the use of any other than safety matches and the other providing that in case of conviction of theft and non-recovery by property owner the latter would have the right to bring suit for the value of the property. There were unfavorable reports on both of these bills and Mr. Harman defended them in two speeches. On the first bill he received a considerable amount of support, but it was lost on a division. The second was killed unanimously.

Among the bills of importance was one for a stone fence around the State house grounds and another for the establishment of a State insurance department. All of the railroad bills on second reading were passed until the latter part of the week. The house refused to strike out the resolution authorizing Clemson college to pay the expenses of the general assembly to that college next Saturday.

Dr. Dick, of Sumter, introduced a bill to declare the legality of certain sewerage bonds of the city of Sumter and to authorize their sale.

Tomorrow, according to law, the two houses will meet in joint session to hold the annual elections. Senator Tillman will, of course, be duly elected.

The joint assembly will also ballot for a judge of the Third circuit, to succeed the Hon. R. O. Purby, of Sumter, resigned; for a superintendent and three directors of the State penitentiary and for a trustee of the State Colored college, to succeed Mr. A. G. Erice, of Chester, elected to the house of representatives.

Capt. D. J. Griffith is the present superintendent of the penitentiary, and the directors are Messrs. Mobley, Sanders and Kirby. The candidates most prominently mentioned for the vacant judgeship are Solicitor Wilson and Representative Fraser.

The Senate.

The senate was called to order this afternoon at 3.30 o'clock, the proceedings being opened with prayer by Chaplain Brunson.

Under the head of the introduction of new bills Senator Talbert, of Edgefield, introduced a joint resolution, which provides for the abolition of the State dispensary and the appointment of a commission to wind up the affairs of the institution. He also introduced a joint resolution which calls for the amendment of the constitution so that the section under which the dispensary law comes will be stricken out. Senator Talbert also introduced the original Child's prohibition bill. All of the measures were read by their titles and referred to the committee on the dispensary.

The calendar for the day was then taken up. The consideration of Senator Johnson's bill relating to the office of county commission provoked some little discussion. The bill was recommended to the judiciary committee.

When the original Sanders anti-bucket shop bill came up for third reading Senator Weston offered a substitute. Senator Carlisle introduced the Sanders bill. Mr. Weston was of the opinion that his bill was the more effective, while Senator Carlisle thought that the credit ought to go to the original bill. The Weston bill was ordered printed in the journal and the Carlisle bill was passed to third reading.

Mr. Crouch's bill providing for the repeal of the lien law was called. The point of order was raised that the bill had not laid 24 hours on members' desks. The bill was passed over for further consideration. On motion of Senator Hardin only uncontested matters were considered.

Senator Erice's bill creating a commission and appropriating \$10,000 for a statue of John C. Calhoun was without objection passed to the third reading.

Senator Smith, of Hampton, made an effort to get his resolution calling for the abolition of the State dispensary up for consideration. Objection was made and the resolution was passed over.

Senator Smith stated after the session that the matter could have been disposed of this afternoon and that he wanted it settled. He states that he is opposed to the dispensary and is going to push his resolution through.

After the senate had completed the uncontested business adjournment was taken until 11 o'clock tomorrow.

House Refuses to Pass Frost's Railroad Investigation Bill.

Columbia, Jan. 22.—After a short sharp fight including some interesting addresses by Representatives Frost, Rucker, Dixon, Ayer and others the house today by an aye and nay vote of 65 to 48 killed the Frost resolution for an inter-session commission to investigate the railroads doing business in this State. It was contended that there was plenty of law now and means to find out the facts through the railroad commission.

After two roll call votes had failed to kill Mr. Walker's bill to pay magistrate jurors 50 cents a day in criminal cases the house passed the bill and sent it to the senate.

J. E. Smith's bill to fix the time of beginning the terms of officers of the county offices of the State was passed. Mr. Von Kolnitz securing exemption for the office of master of Charleston.

Mr. Mann is a Methodist Minister and He Still Resents the Charge Made by Senator Tillman That They Were in League With Barkeepers—The Hubbell Rebate Again.

Columbia, Jan. 22.—Representative Cade Mann, who is also a Methodist minister, refused to vote today to confirm the election of United States Senator Tillman, giving these sensational reasons:

"I wish to state my reasons for not voting for the Hon. Benj. R. Tillman to succeed himself in the United States senate.

"First. He made a wanton and malicious attack upon the ministry of South Carolina, charging them with being in league with the ex-barkeepers of the State, with Col. Jas. A. Hoyt as their standard bearer, to defeat and destroy the dispensary law in South Carolina; this he knew was false and an outrage on common decency.

"Second. Before I could vote for him I should have to know how much money he returned to Mr. Hubbell as rebates allowed the State of South Carolina. I contend that as governor he was handling the money of the State, and he had no right to return the money to the liquor house any more than the present board of directors has the right to appropriate it to their own use or to such other purposes as they may see fit."

On motion of Representative Richards the house, by a large majority, voted to expunge Representative Mann's statement from the record.

The house, by a narrow majority, adopted Mr. Croft's two constitutional amendment resolutions, looking to the election of another supreme court justice.

HARVEST OF DEATH.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 21.—Carl Pasphekewsky, chief of police at Latesa, and formerly chief of police of Lodz, was assassinated today.

COAST LINE WRECKS.

PASSENGER TRAIN AND A THROUGH FREIGHT COLLIDE.

Fast Mail Train 25 and Through Freight 210 Met Head-On Two Miles Below Denmark—Particulars Lacking.

Atlantic Coast Line Train No. 35, the fast mail train from Richmond to Augusta, which was wrecked in two hours late, was wrecked in a head-on collision with through freight No. 210 at a point two miles below Denmark about 9 o'clock Saturday.

Both engines were demolished and the mail and express cars, forming a part of No. 35, were wrecked, the mail car being totally destroyed. The mail clerk was injured, but the information obtainable is so meagre that it is impossible to give anything like a connected account of the accident.

A wrecking train went to the scene as soon as possible and a new engine and mail car followed later. It was reported on the street that a special carrying several physicians and nurses had also been hurried to the wreck, but this was denied at the local offices of the road.

There were wild rumors afloat that a great many people were injured, but so far as can be learned the mail clerk was the only hurt.

The accident is supposed to have resulted from conflicting orders or through a misunderstanding as to the meeting point of the trains.

ENGINEER JOHNSON OF FLOR- ENCE WAS KILLED.

The Florida Special Ran Into Open Switch at Yemassee—All Except One Car Consumed by Fire.

Charleston, Jan. 21.—News was received here tonight of the wreck and destruction of northbound special New York and Florida vestibule train No. 88, Atlantic Coast Line, at 8.20 o'clock at Yemassee, a junction point 59 miles from Charleston. The train, which was running at a fair speed, went into an open switch and crashed into the engine of a freight train on the siding. Engineer Johnson of Florence, on train 88, was killed and Engineer Horton and three train hands of the freight were injured. The train, composed of a baggage car and seven Pullmans, caught fire at once and all except one car were burned. It was said that there were only a few passengers northbound on board and only one was hurt. The name of the passenger and extent of injuries could not be learned tonight.

Capt. C. C. Tilghman was in charge of the vestibule train and Conductor Stuart Heisenberger in charge of the freight.

EARTHQUAKE IN RUSSIA.

Two Severe Shocks in the Government of Baku Today.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 18.—Two severe earthquake shocks were felt at 5 o'clock this morning at Kuba, in the government of Baku.

FLCOD ON THE OHIO.

River Will Reach Sixty Feet at Cincinnati—A Thousand Families Rendered Homeless.

Cincinnati, Ohio, Jan. 18.—There is every possibility that the water on the Ohio river will reach 60 feet by noon today. This morning the rain fell in torrents. Desolation and suffering follows in the wake of the flood. A thousand families have been rendered homeless and there has been great financial loss already. Effective relief work is being done by the charitable organizations.

THE GERMAN SOCIALISTS COMMIT LESE MAJESTIE.

Berlin, Jan. 18.—In the supreme effort of the opponents of the Kaiser to elect a Reichstag hostile to his policy a remarkable document entitled "The Kaiser on Trial" was published today, just a week before the voting in the present election. Under the nom de plume "Truth," the writer declares that the issue is whether the German people will decide to manifest entire confidence in their absolute ruler or give that power to the elected representatives of the nation, as in other European countries, except Russia.

The writer attacks the German navy, which is supposed to be one of William's successes. The gist of the whole indictment in the pamphlet is that Kaiser William has been a gigantic failure.

ENGLAND SAYS NO ALUM IN FOOD

In England and France the Sale of Alum Baking Powder is prohibited by law because of the injurious effects that follow its use.

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RAILROAD CONDITIONS BAD.

The State Commission Enters Vigorous Complaint.

Columbia, Jan. 17.—The South Carolina railroad commission has addressed to the traffic managers of the different trunk lines passing through this State, vigorously protesting against congested conditions of the lines and failure to handle cars. The letter follows:

Dear Sir: For the past 12 months we have had continued correspondence with the general officers of your company as to the daily demands of the shippers within our State, for empty cars and for the movement of said cars when loaded with all classes of heavy commodities, cotton, fertilizers, cotton seed and its products, lumber of all kinds and grades; fuel, wood, etc. In addition to this the local freight service between local stations has become so delayed and irregular that the country merchants are complaining of being seriously injured in their local business, as to shipments and receiving goods within the State.

The lumber mill men are now visiting this office in person. On yesterday one party who has and would ship three to four cars of lumber per day, stated to us that he had only received one car at his mill since the 20th of November, although he had filed repeated orders for cars, and he stated that if cars were not furnished him at once, he would be forced to discharge a force of 50 men and close down his mill, thereby sustaining much serious loss. Others take the position that they had better close down their mills than to continue to cut lumber to lie on the side tracks of the railroads until it is damaged so as to destroy any profit there is in it for the mills.

We have been assured time and again that this congestion would be relieved, but on the contrary this condition seems to be growing worse. We think the time has arrived when, if it can be done, you should frankly state to us if there is any relief in sight within the near future, so we may be able to give these complainants some positive satisfaction.

Under the authority of the law we might order this equipment furnished. Such action so far as present needs are concerned, would not build engines or cars. Complaints are made to us that the tourist trains are interfering very materially with the local services. The movement of all other trains, with their local schedules, are made to stand aside for these trains.

We have no desire to criticize this interstate business, only in so far as it is a menace and hindrance to giving such services as our local territory is entitled to, and which is the business that pays a large majority of the railroad earnings. We find business men who complain and are enquiring of us if there is anything in the statement that some of the railroads are moving a part of their rolling stock to other States where improvements are being made in op-

rating and increasing new lines recently purchased, when such engines and cars are badly needed within our State.

We ask you to give these matters that are brought to our attention, the serious and prompt consideration we think them worthy of in the interest of our State local business.

By order of the board.
(Signed) B. L. Caughman,
Chairman.
J. H. Earle,
J. M. Sullivan,
Commissioners.

Copies of this letter were sent today to Messrs. C. H. Ackert, of the Southern Railway company; C. H. Hix, of the Seaboard Air Line company, and W. N. Royall, of the Atlantic Coast Line company.

THE SOIL SURVEY.

Work Will Begin Within a Few Days—Will Be of Great Benefit to the Farmers.

The soil survey to be made in Sumter and Lee counties under the direction of the United States Department of Agriculture, will begin within the next few days, according to the following letters:

Washington, Jan. 15, 1907.
Mr. E. I. Reardon, Sumter, S. C.

My Dear Sir: I enclose you herewith a copy of a letter from the chief of the bureau of soils with respect to the soil survey to be made in Sumter and Lee counties. You will remember that I was promised this soil survey last summer, and I am pleased to tell you that work will be begun within a very short time.

I am sure that this survey will be of great benefit to the agricultural interests of these counties, and it has been a great pleasure for me to be able to get it. Very truly yours,
A. F. Lever.

Washington, Jan. 11, 1907.
Hon. A. F. Lever,
House of Representatives.

Sir: In reply to your letter of Jan. 9, 1907, concerning the soil survey of Sumter and Lee counties, S. C. I would say that the work of this survey will be begun within a week or ten days. The party which has just completed the soil survey in Chesterfield county, Va., has been directed to proceed to Sumter county to take up the work. Owing to the large area of the two counties provisions has also been made to send two additional men to Sumter and Lee counties upon the completion of the soil survey work at present in progress in Conway county, Ark., so that four members of the field force of the bureau of soils will conduct the work in Sumter and Lee counties.

I have the honor to be,
Very respectfully,
Milton Whitney,
Chief of Bureau.

The Wittekind will sail from Bremen for Charleston Wednesday with a cargo of kainit and about 800 immigrants.

COAST LINE RAISES WAGES.

Wilmington, N. C., Jan. 17.—It is announced from the headquarters of the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad company that, effective Jan. 1, a general increase has been made in the salaries of clerks, agents, trainmasters, dispatchers, section masters, etc. The percentage of increase has not yet been computed, the object having been to make the advance general in all departments without regard to recent increases for efficiency and length of time in some branches of the service. The advance affects several thousand employes on the three divisions of the system, and will increase the operating expenses of the road more than a quarter of a million dollars per year. The reason given for the general advance is the increased cost of living.

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Should extra bottles of Hyomei be needed they can be obtained for 50c, making this one of the most economical as well as the most reliable remedies for catarrh that is known.

Manila, P. I., Jan. 16.—The islands of Leyte and Samar, of the Philippine group, were swept by a terrible typhoon on January 10th. A great loss of life and enormous damage to property are reported. The details are meagre, but the reports so far say that 100 lives were lost in Leyte, but there was no definite report from Samar. Communication with the islands has been cut off for six days.