



North Dakota Legislature

MANY BILLS, FEW PASSED
CLOSE OF THE SESSION

A Total of 730 Bills Were Introduced Last Session

Only 249 Got Through Both Branches

Some of the Grafters Squealed by the Senate

Many Protest Against Graft On a Clerkship

Bismarck, N. D., March 6.—During the eleventh legislative assembly only about one-third of the bills introduced became laws. In the house 385 bills were introduced, while only 102 were enacted into laws. In the senate, out of 345 bills presented, but 147 passed both houses.

Governor Burke is busily engaged today signing bills and it is expected that several measures will be vetoed either on the grounds of unconstitutionality or excessive appropriation.

One of the important bills killed in the house was Senator Steele's bill dividing the state into two congressional districts, east and west.

Suppressed Two of 'Em.

The complete fall down of the insurgents to secure the passage of bills favorable to their leaders through their agents, Packard and Floyhar, is one of the principal topics of conversation among the lawmakers who are still in the city. Every measure introduced in behalf of the Valley City newspaper publishers was defeated. Floyhar's H. B. 38, abolishing the publication of insurance statements, met with sudden death and the attempt on the part of those fellows to intimidate Insurance Commissioner Cooper has been defeated.

Kept Out Two More.

The efforts made to put Stookwell and Miller on the board of trustees of public property and the printing commission were also beaten by big majorities.

Packard's Graft.

It is understood that Governor Burke is to receive a protest from indignant members of the legislature against the payment of the state's money to Packard, the misrepresentative of a Fargo democratic newspaper. Packard was employed on a job in the house, but spent his time in the senate, with the exception of a few minutes after the noon hour. The payment of his salary of \$5 per day is considered by many insurgents as one of the rankest steals ever perpetrated in the state.

No More Investigation.

The house committee appointed to investigate the state officials handling money, and which was granted an extension of time to complete the work, by the house, will not continue the work. The resolution adopted last night failed to provide compensation and one member of the committee announced today there would be "nothing doing." Floyhar is satisfied with his rank report on Blaisdell and he is not anxious to have some of his friends' offices inquired into.

PROSPECT OF PEACE IN COAL REGION

Wilkes-Barre, Pa., March 6.—President Lewis of the Miners' union who was in conference here with the district organizers of the anthracite field arranging for next week's meeting in Philadelphia with the miners and operators to make up a new wage agreement to go into effect April 1, held another meeting with his advisers today. Lewis intended to leave for Indianapolis last night but being unable to make a good train, delayed his departure until this afternoon.

Taking advantage of this delay the miners' president busied himself with holding further conferences with his men.

The business situation has already improved in the anthracite region over the prospects of a peaceful settlement of matters in dispute between operators and miners.

SITS ON TRUNK AND AWAITS DEATH

Aberdeen, S. D., March 6.—Harry Oberlin, a working man, aged 45 years, was found dead in his room at the European hotel, having been asphyxiated by gas. The indications pointed to suicide, and a verdict to that effect was returned.

When found, Oberlin was sitting on a trunk in his room, barely alive. Gas was pouring from a jet on the wall, which was wide open. The room was also fitted with an electric light, and the gas had not been used for a long time. It being necessary to mount a chair to turn it on. The man survived but a short time after he was discovered. He had been working in Aberdeen several months. Nothing is known of his past.

Fun in Both Branches of the Legislature

House Clerk Injured by a Fall on Stairway

Tribute Paid to Both the Presiding Officers

Session Was the Tamest Ever Held in the State

Bismarck, N. D., March 6.—With kangaroo courts, stump speeches and songs, which generally characterize the dying hours of the legislative session, the North Dakota solons wound up their duties at 1:30 this morning, some what earlier than had been expected.

The only marring feature of the final adjournment was the accident which befell M. Skarison, a bill clerk in the house, who fell down the marble stair case in the capitol and sustained serious injuries.

The customary resolutions were adopted by both houses before adjournment.

In the house Representative Streeter, on behalf of the members, presented a resolution extending thanks to Speaker Burdick for the able manner he conducted the affairs of that body. The speaker responded, expressing kindly sentiments for the way the solons had treated him. The speaker was presented with his chair, on motion of Streeter.

In the senate Lieutenant Governor Lewis was presented with a handsome framed picture of the 1909 senate, and addresses were made by Senators Simpson and Purosh and responded to by President Lewis. After the senate and the house had completed their work they remained in session for an hour or two awaiting the enrollment of the bills. Senator Simpson was presented with the senate gavel. The senate adjourned on motion of Senator Crane.

It is the consensus of opinion among the solons that the past session was the tamest ever held in North Dakota. The majority of the legislation enacted was either a curative act or class legislation. Very few important measures were enacted into laws. Great disappointment was felt by many that the primary election and anti-pass bills failed to pass.

The officers' salary bill passed the senate before adjournment. The present state officers are to receive \$750 for expenses, the governor \$1,000 and the railroad commissioners \$400. After 1910 the state officers will receive a salary of \$1,000, while the governor is to get \$5,000 per annum.

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EUROPE AGAIN DISQUITED

Berlin, March 6.—The situation between Austria-Hungary and Servia, arising from the efforts of the latter country to obtain compensation for the annexation by the dual monarchy of Bosnia and Herzegovina, was today acknowledged to be disquieting. There is, however, this advantage, the issues are more clearly defined. It can be said with authority that everything now depends upon the position Russia takes.

JAPANESE MONUMENT IN VIRGINIA.



Virginia boasts many unique and interesting monuments to her illustrious sons of the past, but in Hollywood cemetery, Richmond, is a monument erected by the Japanese government, and bearing a Japanese inscription, which is the most unique in Virginia. It is a memorial to a commissioner and inspector in the bureau of the Japanese tobacco monopoly, who died while stationed at Richmond several years ago.

CANNON IS WORKING

There Will Be Two Vacancies on the Rules Committee

PUZZLE TO REPLACE THEM

VICE PRESIDENT SHERMAN AND SENATOR - ELECT WILLIAMS WERE BOTH MEMBERS OF THIS POWERFUL COMMITTEE—TAWNEY MAY BE ON.

Washington, March 6.—Speaker Cannon is puzzling his head in the interim between the sessions of congress over the personnel of the next committee on rules. The appointment of this committee will be one of the first duties the speaker of the incoming congress will have to perform, unless the "insurgents" muster enough strength to form an alliance with the democrats to amend the rules so as to provide for the election of a committee on committees.

Speaker Cannon does not believe they will and so he is considering some of the problems that may vex him to come.

There are two vacancies on this powerful committee. Vice President Sherman has left it and so has Senator-elect Williams of Mississippi. Many members believe the choice of a successor to Sherman lies between Representative Tawney, chairman of the committee on appropriations, and Mann of Illinois. Though Sherman came from New York, the position is claimed by the western members.

TAFT ISSUES THE CALL

Special Session of Congress Is Called by President

WILL BE HELD ON MARCH 15

KNOX, HITCHCOCK, MEYER, BALLINGER, WILSON AND NAGEL TAKE THE OATH OF OFFICE AS CABINET MEMBERS TODAY—OBJECT OF SESSION NOT GIVEN.

Washington, March 6.—President Taft today issued a call for a special session of the sixty-first congress to convene March 15.—The call does not mention the object for which the special session is called.

Cabinet Members Take Oath.

Six members of President Taft's cabinet took the oath of office this morning. They were P. C. Knox, Frank H. Hitchcock, George Von L. Meyer, R. A. Ballinger, James Wilson and Charles Nagel.

Senate Adjourned to Fifteenth.

Washington, March 6.—The senate today adjourned until March 15. The credentials of Senator Stephenson of Wisconsin failed to arrive in time to permit him to be sworn in.

STREET R. R. MAN BOUND AND ROBBED

Salt Lake, Utah, March 6.—Compelled to leave his car, bound hand and foot, robbed of the day's receipts of \$18, and left lying on the track between the rails, was the experience of Conductor Goodfellow of the Popular Grove line of the Salt Lake Street railway at an early hour this morning.

DIRT IS FLYING ON BIG DITCH

Washington, March 6.—As an indication of the progress of the Panama canal construction it is stated at the office of the canal commission in this city that during the month of January over 327 tons of explosives were used and seventy-five and one-half miles of rock drilling was accomplished.

NO PRISON WORK FOR A. T. PATRICK

Ossining, N. Y., March 6.—By direction of the court, Warden Frost today relieved Albert T. Patrick from routine work as a life prisoner in the state prison. At present the prisoner is allowed to obtain books from the law library, and his cell looks like a law office. The appellate division in Brooklyn before which court he made a dramatic argument yesterday for his liberty, gave him two weeks to file a brief pending the direction of the court on his motion.

SECOND JAP- RUSSIA WAR

Another Conflict Predicted by Rear Admiral Evans

SAYS RUSSIA IS PREPARING

FIGHTING BOB SCOUTS IDEA OF WAR BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES, BUT SAYS RUSSIA IS GETTING READY TO RENEW THE CONFLICT.

Colorado Springs, Colo., March 6.—"As far as any war between the United States and Japan is concerned, all such talk is bunkum," declared Rear Admiral Robley D. Evans, who arrived here yesterday afternoon, in an interview.

The Japanese have their hands full in taking care of the Russian situation. Russia is now preparing for what seems to be an inevitable conflict. It is rebuilding its navy, getting its army into shape and constructing a double track railroad across Siberia. Russia will not be satisfied until it has another try in the field with Japan.

Admiral Evans scouts the idea of the school controversy in California leading to war with Japan.

MANY STAY IN WASHINGTON

Come to See Inauguration, Stay to See Sights

OUT GOING TRAINS CROWDED

UNION STATION CROWDED WITH PASSENGERS—CROWDS WHO REMAIN ARE TAKING IN ALL THE SIGHTS OF THE TOWN—TRAFFIC AGAIN NORMAL.

Washington, March 6.—Every outgoing train today carried inaugural visitors on their way home. The Union station was filled all day long with the crowds. Visiting organizations marched down Pennsylvania avenue and along the streets toward the depot and martial music as here and there a band passed along, and flags and other decorations on the buildings remain to tell the story of the passing of the inaugural.

The host of strangers that remained in town devoted the day to sightseeing. Every public building had its share of attention. The White House, the capitol and the Washington monument were especially points of interest and were the mecca of many strangers who traveled about in groups.

Train Service Normal.

Wilmington, Del., March 6.—Railroad conditions between Wilmington and Washington which were upset by the recent storm are now almost normal although the trains have to be run with special care on account of the absence of telegraph service on part of the distance.

Wreck Reported.

Reports prevailed here today of a wreck between Baltimore and Washington, but the train dispatchers, of the Pennsylvania and Baltimore & Ohio offices had no information to this effect.

Later a report located the trouble below Washington but its nature was not learned although it is not believed to be serious.

NASTY SCANDAL IN CHICAGO CHURCH

Chicago, March 6.—A situation which involves the resignation of a pastor from his church has threatened the disruption of another church and "a scandal which is without foundation," was presented in a bill for injunction filed in the supreme court here today.

The bill was filed by John Laverder and seeks to enjoin Rev. Crawford, pastor of Woodlawn Park Methodist church and the trustees and stewards of the church from printing and circulating among the church members a confession made by Mrs. Mary Crawford.

CAT-OF-NINE TAILS ACTIVE IN DEL.

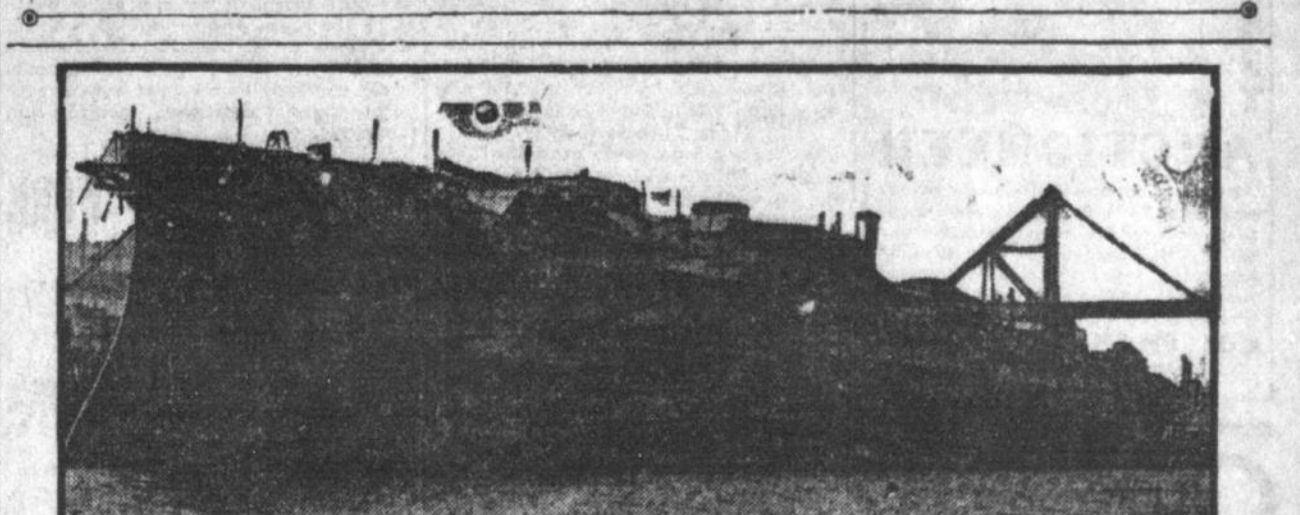
Wilmington, Del., March 6.—Today was the biggest whipping-post day in the criminal records of Delaware. Eighteen culprits were whipped at the workhouse for various offenses principally larceny, and the total number of lashes inflicted was 255. As a principle cat-of-nine tails is employed for the purpose of castigation, the total of 255 stripes was laid across the bare backs of the unfortunate men. One was severely whipped.

BATTLESHIP NORTH DAKOTA SOON READY TO TAKE ITS PLACE IN UNCLE SAM'S FLEET

Work is Progressing Rapidly on the Gigantic "Sea Dog" Which Will Represent the Flickertail State in Uncle Sam's Quota of National Defenders

Upon the Waters of the Deep.

Boston, Mass., March 6.—Work is progressing rapidly on the great battleship North Dakota. Already several of the large guns have been placed and the boilers and engines are rapidly being installed. This gigantic "sea dog," which will represent the flickertail state and is one of the most completely modern boats afloat will soon be ready to take its place with the other fighting units of Uncle Sam's navy. When the full complement of guns, engines, machinery, steel conning towers and other apparatus have been placed on board the gigantic vessel it will lay much lower in the water than is shown in the accompanying picture.



Recently launched battleship, North Dakota, as it appears today while being fitted out.

NO CIGARETTES IN KANSAS TODAY

Topeka, Kan., March 6.—The anti-cigarette law went into effect last night on its publication and today not a cigarette nor cigarette paper can be found in Topeka. The local dealers were unprepared for they had understood that the law would not go into effect until May. One dealer had just unpacked a \$500 order. The stocks are being repacked for shipment to the factory.

STORM DAMAGE IS \$1,000,000

Baltimore, March 6.—A late estimate of the damage done here by the storm places it as high as \$1,000,000 falling chiefly on telegraph, telephone and railroad companies.

J. E. Dixon in Town.

J. E. Dixon arrived in Fargo this morning after a ten weeks' trip in the western part of the state. He is to be in town for a few days.

ENTERING WEDGE IN CHANGE OF TRAIN PROPOSITION

Committee of Fargo Business Men Who Went to Twin Cities to Confer With Railroad Officials About Changing Trains Back—Resser Tells of Trip.

FEW REALIZE HOW IT WOULD DISRUPT PRESENT SERVICE

"I feel that the committee has accomplished something and I believe that every member of the committee feels the same way about the matter," said City Atty. W. C. Resser this afternoon in speaking of the trip of the retail merchants' committee which went to St. Paul to confer with the railroad officials with reference to the change in the schedule of certain passenger trains.

"Those who are not acquainted with railroad matters little realize what a great thing is being asked when we request a railroad to disrupt its train service and its connections," continued Attorney Resser.

"We first went to see officials of the Great Northern railroad and interviewed General Superintendent Gruber and Mr. Craig and first asked them about changing the time of the Aneta branch train so that it would come into Fargo in the morning and leave in the evening.

"This train used to run this way several years ago and was changed shortly after Mr. Craig came to the road at the instigation of the operating department and it has since been found that the train pays better under its present schedule than it did at the time when it arrived here in the morning and left in the evening.

"For that reason and also because this train makes connections with the branch lines at Casselton and at Devils Lake with the main line, supplying a large number of people, there is no hope of having this train changed. However it may be possible that as the country becomes more thickly populated a train will be put on running in the opposite direction.

Put Coach on Moorhead Northern.

"We next asked them if they could not change the running of the train on the Moorhead & Northern so that it would arrive here in the morning and leave in the evening and found that this would be impossible, but the officials said that they would put a coach on the freight train which runs on such a schedule on April 1.

McCumber Assures Taft of N. D. Harmony

STATE RESTS IN CARMACK CASE

Nashville, Tenn., March 6.—The state today rested its case in the Cooper-Sharp trial for the slaying of former Senator Carmack. Testimony was taken from Witnesses Mrs. G. H. Williams and C. H. Farrell. Judge Anderson read the testimony of two other witnesses as to the relation of the location of the telephone poles at the scene of the killing.

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WILLIAMS TO GET OFFICE

Appointment of McDowell at Williston, Temporary

LATTER CIVIL SERVICE MAN

SENATORS McCUMBER AND JOHNSON WILL GET TOGETHER AND SECURE APPOINTMENT AND CONFIRMATION OF WILLIAMS OF MINOT, SOON AS POSSIBLE.

Washington, D. C., March 6.—In order to keep the records straight and to avoid legal complications, Senators McCumber and Johnson secured the confirmation of John P. McDowell, of Chicago, as temporary receiver of public money at Williston. McDowell is a civil service man and was sent to the Williston landoffice by the interior department to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Victor Chaffee, after Senators McCumber and Hansbrough failed to get together on a North Dakota man for the position. McDowell will hold the office only long enough to enable the North Dakota delegation to procure the appointment and confirmation of Williams of Minot, who is the unanimous choice for the Williston office.

Landoffice Officials Named.

President Taft today nominated Thomas C. Burns to be register of the landoffice and Oliver C. Kippinbrock to be receiver of public moneys at Gregory, S. D.

REPORT DEATH DUE TO AN ACCIDENT

Atchison, Kas., March 6.—That a 17-year-old country boy, while hunting in the neighborhood, accidentally fired the shot which killed Mrs. Jerome Hoover, who was found dead under mysterious circumstances Wednesday, was the assertion of the authorities today. Carl Hale, the boy, was taken into custody. Hale denies his guilt. Neighbors say, however, that he was seen near the Hoover home on the day of the tragedy rifle in hand.