

Local News

State House Session

The session of the Kentucky General Assembly opened today at 10 o'clock in the Senate Chamber. The session was called to order by Speaker McCallister. The first order of business was the reading of the minutes of the last session. The session continued with the presentation of bills and reports of committees.

Bill Green's Speech

Bill Green, representing the 10th district, made a speech in support of the proposed amendment to the state constitution. He argued that the amendment was necessary to protect the rights of the people and to ensure the integrity of the government.

Local Events

The following events are scheduled for the near future:

- Jan. 25: A public hearing on the proposed amendment to the state constitution.
- Jan. 26: A meeting of the Kentucky Historical Society.
- Jan. 27: A performance by the local symphony orchestra.

Friday, January 25, 1935

The Thunder Recedes

Bill Green is represented as being little cold to John Lewis' proposal that the AFL gild the CIO down and issue charters to the rebel unions as is. But for all that, there is a certain amount of sympathy for the AFL. For last Monday Bill made a speech in which he made many references to the CIO and to John Lewis. And Wednesday John made a speech in which he made many references to Bill Green and the AFL. And in his speech Bill called Mr. Lewis not a well-meaning but a dictator on the rules of the labor movement, not a rule-maker, not any of the things that he has customarily called him, but simply John Lewis. More than that, he referred to the CIO as a "rebel union" by that name. And John Lewis in his own turn spoke of Bill Green, not as a traitor secretly out to sell labor down the river, but by any of the low terms he has customarily applied to him. Green said to John Lewis: "And in his turn, too, he said of the AFL, 'the AFL'—just like that."

Unhappy State

Our good Tar Heel State, it seems to me, is in the unhappy position of being in for a good deal of unpleasant publicity over an argument for which it really has no stomach in the first place.

The Reds and Pinks of the country are now all joyously rushing to meet the State of North Carolina. As witness the defense committee formed at New York and composed of Socialist Octavius Norman Thomas, the Rev. John Haynes Holmes, playwright Sidney Howard, and Novelist E. V. Rieu. All of them are shades or another of rose. Logically, of course, Beal is hardly entitled to radical sympathy, since he has publicly repudiated Communism. But logic never bothers the Pinks when they have a chance to get a martyr. And to brand North Carolina as a wicked capitalist tyrant.

It seems a shame that the State should be the whipping boy in such a case when it doesn't really want it at all. And that it doesn't want it is plain from the fact that it let him no longer wander freely about the country—and even visit Raleigh, according to one story—without grabbing him. But it is difficult to know how it might get out of the business, since Beal's conviction for conspiracy to murder stands impossibly on the record and since the State is, of course, bound by the record.

He Who Slaps

It is a curious situation in which we are involved in one that the American government approves such incidents as the slapping of Consul Alderman, seems highly unlikely. The Japanese government probably understands quite clearly that the nation of the United States being too recently in debt to be too soon in the record, and that a clash with it would be disastrous for Japan in its present extended position.

Move Its Adoption

(Greensboro News)

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MR. KENNEDY SOUNDS OFF

CHICAGO, Ill., Jan. 25.—The Hon. Joseph P. Kennedy, Ambassador Designate to the Court of St. James, is quoted in the press as talking business to look for not talking government how to end this depression. The Hon. Kennedy played golf at Palm Beach with three "well-established" Chicago business men, and each one had a different medicine. One thought the proper dose was for business to crack down on labor. Another believed in placing purchasing power in the hands of the public. "I think," said his Excellency, "the President would like to have somebody make a suggestion to him."

Reminiscent of the 60s

A tabulation of the votes on closure for the filibusters by those states which have two Democratic Senators has been set out in the following table, if not exactly astonishing, division. For instance, when both Democratic Senators voted alike, the division runs:

For Closure	Against Closure
Alabama	Alabama
Arkansas	Arkansas
California	California
Florida	Florida
Georgia	Georgia
Illinois	Illinois
Iowa	Iowa
Kansas	Kansas
Louisiana	Louisiana
Michigan	Michigan
Missouri	Missouri
Montana	Montana
Nebraska	Nebraska
Nevada	Nevada
New Mexico	New Mexico
New York	New York
North Carolina	North Carolina
Ohio	Ohio
Oklahoma	Oklahoma
Rhode Island	Rhode Island
South Carolina	South Carolina
Tennessee	Tennessee
Texas	Texas
Virginia	Virginia

One might ask what Kentucky was doing alongside of Indiana and Ohio, and how Oklahoma got over with the Yanks. On the other hand, look at little Rhode Island nestling cozy between North and South Carolina. Howdy, stranger!

But with these few exceptions, and perhaps the border states of Missouri and Maryland and the newer Western states, the line-up, state by state, is the Confederacy vs. the Federation. It's the Blue and the Gray all over again, with the absurd difference that the only two orthodox Republicans taking sides with the Yanks were Copper of Kansas and Pudding Jim Davis of Pennsylvania.

They Never Learn

"We call upon the friends of temperance in every county and precinct to meet immediately and organize for the purpose of nominating and electing legislators and law officers who will support and enforce both the beer shops and the liquor traffic, both legal and illegal, from the borders of the State."

Thus the Hon. Cate Burgess, Campaign Director of the United Dry Forces of North Carolina, calling for a bone-dry Legislature next year. There is something in the little magnanimity of Hon. Cate and his friends, in their stupendous contempt for the laws of logic: For thirty years they had their bonny law in North Carolina, for twelve they had it in the nation. And was the liquor traffic, and the illegal, ever actually driven out of the borders of our state? After all that testing, was it proved that temperance is best served by an attempt to enforce absolute prohibition against all alcoholic beverages, including beer?

The One-Book Library

On our desk as we write lies the 1938 edition of an old friend, the World Almanac. It is, we think, the most useful reference work ever put into one volume. It abounds in all sorts of astounding information, quite impossible to come by anywhere else—as for instance that South Carolina's official flower is the yellow jessamine, whereas you'd naturally expect it to be something like a red, red rose or the full-bloomed magnolia.

Is it that one wants to know what year it was that Hugh Capet grabbed the throne of France? or whether it is Pius X or Pius XI who sits on the Papal Throne at the moment? or how the title level will be at the Battery, New York, on Saturday, July 9, 1938? or who the Tammany bosses of Manhattan were currently? or what day it was that Wallis Warfield departed from Cannes to journey to Africa and her waiting ex-king? or what the total income of the United States or North Carolina was in 1937? or what bantail has run fastest on this earth? or what kind of government is to be formed in the future? or how the G-men go about getting their man?

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We Find Out Things About A Statistic

Labor Department Records Do Not Bear Out Figures Alleged by WCTU Speaker Here.

WCTU speaker, U. S. Department of Labor, Washington, D. C. Gentlemen (P):

A speaker, addressing the Women's Christian Temperance Union here tonight, passed out the shocking statistics which in America there are only 400,000 girls in college, there are 1,400,000 working in barrooms.

The last figure so exceeded what we had thought probable that we have developed considerable curiosity as to the facts. But the census figures for 1930 are somewhat dated, and our inquiries into statistical sources have left us pretty well bogged down. Will you be so good as to advise us as to exactly what the facts are in the case?

THE CHARLOTTE NEWS, Charlotte, Jan. 7.

THE REPLY

Editor, The Charlotte News, Charlotte, N. C. Gentlemen (P):

We have your request of January 17th for statistics on women in colleges and the number of women working in barrooms.

The statement you quote as to the number in colleges is not far off; the office of education of the Department of the Interior says that enrollments in 1932-1933 in all institutions of higher learning in the United States show 430,000 women, which is the latest figure available. It is possible that there was an increase in enrollments since that time, so that 460,000 might be a fair enough estimate for the college year 1937-1938 now running.

It Seems To Me

DOROTHY PARKER has made, it seems to me, an important contribution to the ever current discussion of humor, its uses and abuses. She did an article on Spain for New Masses recently, and in her introduction she wrote:

"The only group I have ever been affiliated with is that not particularly brave little band that had the nakedness of heart and mind under the out-of-date garment of a sense of humor. I heard someone say, and so I said it, too, that ridicule is the most effective weapon. I don't suppose I ever really believed it. Well, now I know. I know that there are things that never have been funny, and never will be. And I know that ridicule may be a shield, but it is not a weapon."

Dr. Hull's Way.

(Wall Street Journal)

Despite the Cassandra who had forecast an overwhelming "unfavorable" balance of trade in 1937 as a result of the reciprocal trade agreements, final figures reveal that nothing of the sort occurred. Instead, the small "favorable" balance of \$26,000,000 in 1936 was raised to one of \$261,000,000 last year.

Visiting Around

Time makes ancient good untruth. Senator Ward says, in effect, suggesting South Carolina ought to require of its public servants an oath against dealing "Ancestry"—well not quite anciently, but 43 years ago, when the current state constitution was drafted—the oath was "good" certainly in its intention for the time being. However, since the impact of the Cash-Bannon duel had shocked the state with reverberations throughout the nation and men of standing were yet alive who still subscribed to the utility of "the Code."

At the Dime Store

(Mrs. Renn Drum, Shelby Star)

After the question, the youngster sidled away a few steps, still eying me, and began turning the crank on a pipe organ, on the toy counter, with as much enjoyment as if he had already bought and paid for it. Still there was a suspended air about his pleasure in it, as if he knew from experience he'd soon be told to "stop handling the toys."

Two Sicks

(Ashville Times)

One of the perplexities of the utilities these days is trying to discover the difference between the yardstick and the Big Stick.

BE BELIEVE IT OR NOT

By Ripley

FLYING CHILDERS
FASTEST RACEHORSE THAT EVER LIVED
WAS NEVER BEATEN
CAPTURED A MILLION DOLLARS IN STAKES—
Sired 497 WINNERS.

TENNIS BALLS GAIN WEIGHT IN NEW YORK
AND LOSE WEIGHT IN CALIFORNIA.
MATCHES IN THE EAST ARE PLAYED ON GRASS
AND THE BALLS ABSORB MOISTURE!
Over 100 lbs. extra weight in New York.

Today's Cartoon Self-Explanatory

Earlier Days

News of 75 and 100 Years Ago From Files in the State Library at Raleigh

JANUARY 24, 1863
75 YEARS AGO

FORT MCALLISTER

Savannah, Jan. 27.—Seven Federal gunboats, attacked Fort McAllister at Genes Point, at 7 o'clock this morning. The firing is still progressing at 11 A. M. The firing is heavy.

Savannah, Jan. 27, P. M.—After five and a half hours' close bombardment of Fort McAllister, the enemy withdrew about 1 o'clock this afternoon. Not a man hurt nor a gun dismounted on our side. The damage to the Fort can be repaired in a day.

—Fayetteville Observer.

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ROYAL GRATITUDE

The Gazette of Tuesday announces that Alderman Wood has been created a baronet; and one of the Sunday papers says the honor is as creditable to the royal bestower as to the recipient. The facts, we hear, are these: In consequence of the Duke of Kent's pecuniary difficulties, he was living abroad with the Duchess, when she was near her confinement. Alderman Wood, from patriotic feelings was desirous that a child which might become sovereign of Great Britain should be born in England. He therefore strove to induce the Duke's trustees to advance sufficient money to enable His Royal Highness and his illustrious consort to return to this country, but without success. Whereupon he himself advanced the necessary funds to a large amount, and which money was not restored him a considerable time.

To Alderman Wood Her Majesty is indebted for the gratification of being de facto as well as de jure an English woman. His weighty obligation she has graciously acknowledged by raising the worthy alderman to a new rank.

—Fayetteville Observer.

The Reason For It

(Chattanooga News)

The ground hog is first cousin to the chipmunk. Robert Baxter Walker, local naturalist, some time ago found a chipmunk in a local cemetery. The chipmunk ran down a hole in front of a tombstone. Walker got behind the monument and slowly raised his head over it. The chipmunk peered straight at Mr. Walker's eyes, and then went down into its hole. Mr. Walker crouched down, slowly raised again, and the chipmunk saw him again, and went down. This continued, with Mr. Walker bobbing up and down behind the tombstone. About 300 feet down the hill a lady was standing some fifteen feet from Mr. Walker slowly raising his head again and again, and then lowering it again. She did not see the chipmunk, and the man so fast down hill that she left her shadow behind and could not see her shadow. That is why we have so much pleasant weather.

Dirty Dig

(Stateville Daily)

It was a coincidence, of course, that the announcement of Fred Beal's capture came with the announcement by Senator Carpenter that he would be running again.