

HOUSE DEFEATS SALES TAX

Lindbergh Baby Reported On Yacht Near Norfolk

House Votes 223 To 153 Against Heavy Tax Bill After Fiercest Debating

Both Parties Split and Open Dispute on Floor Occurs Between Democrat Leaders

RAINEY AND BYRNS ON OPPOSITE SIDES

Republican Leaders Hold Firmly for Sales Tax; Vote Comes After One Amend- ment After Another Is Tacked Onto Measure Dur- ing Hot Debate

Washington, March 24 (AP)—The sales tax rejected by the House today after fierce debate, which split both parties and brought an open dispute on the floor between Democratic leaders.

The vote by teller counts was 223 to 153.

As the House was in committee of the whole, no roll call vote was taken. In the closing moments of debate, two of the Democratic leaders, both House veterans—Rainey of Illinois and Byrns of Tennessee—arrayed themselves on opposing sides, with Rainey advocating and Byrns opposing the tax.

The Republican leaders held firmly for the tax.

The Crisp amendment to the revenue bill exempting from the sales tax food, clothing, medicine, farm implements, insecticides and malt syrup used in making bread, was approved today by the House, prior to the vote against the bill.

The House today excluded from the proposed sales tax materials going into the construction of ships for which the government loans the money, as it drove toward a decisive vote on the controversial issue.

The House adopted an amendment to exempt electric power used in agricultural production from the sales tax.

PEACE PARLEN IN SHANGHAI BEGUN

Chinese and Japs Not Hope- ful; War Preparations Along Front

Shanghai, March 24.—(AP)—The Chinese and Japanese armies went methodically about the business of grooming their trappings of war outside Shanghai today, as formal peace negotiations finally got under way in the international settlement.

China was represented by General Tai Chi, Shanghai's military garrison commander, succeeding General Chiang Kuang Nai. Chiang walked out on the opening session yesterday, declaring that he could not sit as military delegate unless Japan named a full ranking general to sit opposite him.

The first session started at noon and was very brief. When the delegates filed out of the British consulate, both Chinese and Japanese were gloomy, but the neutral observers were in a hopeful mood.

BANKER IN ATTACK ON GLASS BANK BILL

Washington, March 24.—(AP)—Features of the Glass banking revision bill were criticized today by a Senate banking committee headed by Wilson M. Mills, chairman of the board of directors of the First Wayne National Bank of Detroit as "disadvantageous to banks, communities, business and the country in general."

It provides for leasing of the \$18,000,000 war-time nitrate plant for private operation, and in event that it cannot be leased it provides for government operation.

Seven Negroes In Rape Case To Die

Montgomery, Ala., March 24.—(AP)—Death sentences for seven of the eight Negroes convicted at Scottsboro, Ala., a year ago of assaulting two white girls were affirmed today by the Alabama Supreme Court.

The death sentence for the eighth Negro was reversed and remanded for trial.

The Supreme Court fixed Friday, May 13, as the date of execution of the seven prisoners.

FURTHER DECREASE IN HOARDING SHOWN

Hoover's Campaign Declared To Be Getting Re- sults Over Nation

BANK FAILURES FEWER Drop From 95 Week Ending January 16 to Five Last Week, Secretary of Treasury Announces In Statement

Washington, March 24.—(AP)—A decrease of \$157,000,000 in currency in circulation since the inauguration of President Hoover's anti-hoarding campaign, marking a definite trend toward bringing money out of hiding, was announced today by Secretary Mills.

At the same time the secretary pointed out that bank failures had dropped from 95 in the week ending January 16 to five in the week ending March 19.

It was disclosed that the Reconstruction Finance Corporation has about used up its \$150,000,000, which the Treasury subscribed to its stock, and that another \$200,000,000 would be subscribed.

DOUBLE TRAGEDY OCCURS AT RAEFORD; DEAD GIRL'S BROTHER FREED

Raeftord, March 24.—(AP)—Frank Russell, 40, suitor of Miss Carrie Wright, 20, killed her during a quarrel at her home last night and was himself killed by Pearce Wright, 30, the girl's brother.

A coroner's jury held the slaying of Russell was justifiable homicide.

Russell was said to have called on the young woman, who informed him she would not see him, and turned to leave the room.

"Don't leave the room," Mrs. P. H. Wright, the girl's mother, said she heard Russell say. The fatal shot followed, she said, and then Russell fired at her and another daughter, Viola, when they rushed into the room, she added, but missed.

Meanwhile Pearce Wright ran for his shotgun and killed Russell as the latter sought to leave the house.

MISSING AVIATORS ARE LOCATED SAFE

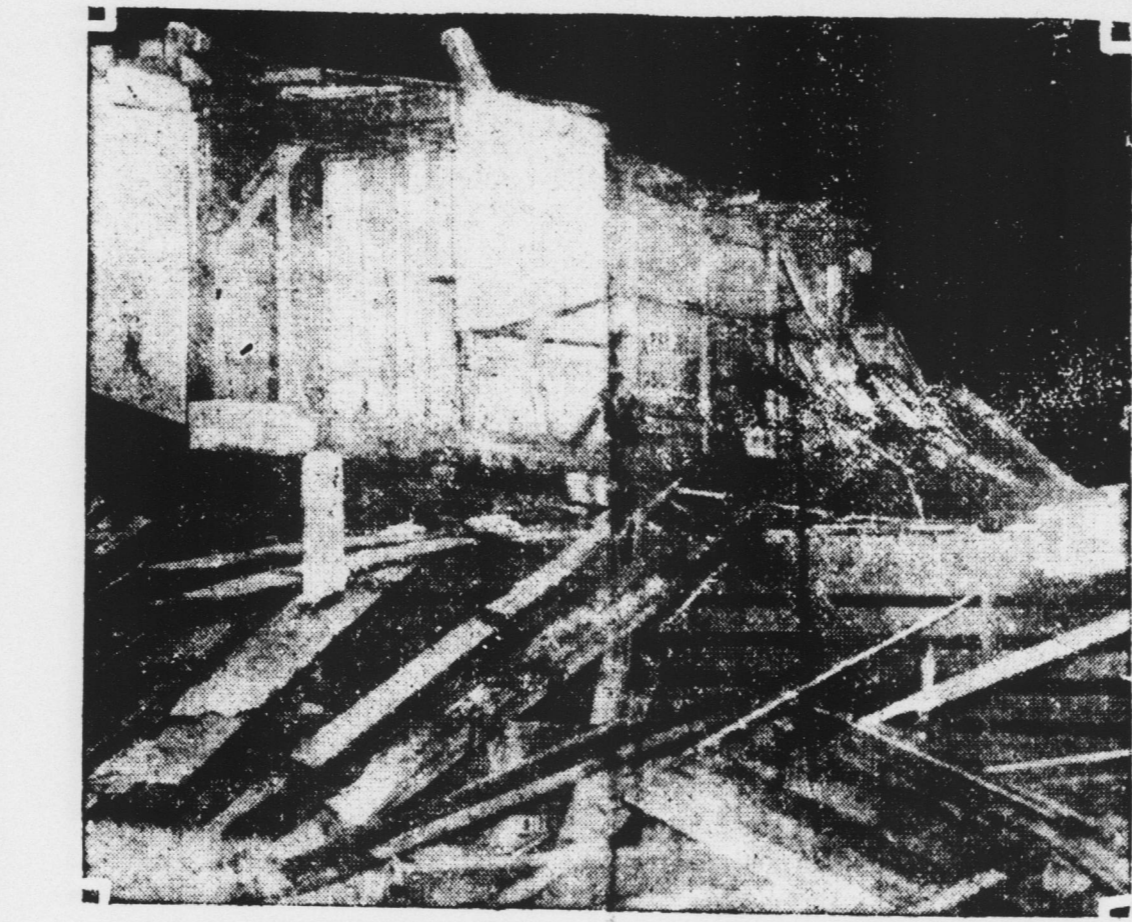
Memphis, Tenn., March 24.—(AP)—Missing since they took off from a Memphis airport Sunday in an unlicensed airplane, Karl Williams, pilot, and W. H. Harrah, both of Beckley, W. Va., were located today, Williams at Brownsville, Tenn., 60 miles north of Memphis, and Harrah en route to Beckley by train.

TAX RECEIPTS FOR TUESDAY ANNOUNCED

Washington, March 24.—(AP)—Income tax receipts on March 22 amount to \$5,848,933, as compared to \$3,337,873 for the similar date a year ago.

The collections brought the total for the month to \$184,416,046.

PHOTOS SHOW DEVASTATION IN STORM



In the top picture is shown the wreckage of the railroad station at Columbiana, Ala., resulting from the devastating tornado of last Tuesday night. In the lower picture rescue crews are shown searching other ruins in the wake of the storm in the same town, Columbiana, in the heart of the tornado section, and is near the center of the state of Alabama.

MAXWELL TO FIRE INTO ENEMY CAMP

Expected To Tear Into Ehringhaus and Fountain On Sales Tax

Daily Dispatch Bureau.
In the Sir Walter Hotel,
BY J. C. BANKERVILLE.

Raleigh, March 24.—With a cloud of indifference again threatening to engulf the gubernatorial campaign, despite the efforts of J. C. B. Ehringhaus to inject some enthusiasm into it with a rather mild and gentlemanly assault upon the positions held by R. T. Fountain and A. J. Maxwell, some new interest is promised tonight when Maxwell will make the first real political speech so far in his campaign and unlose some new shots at the opposition.

In his last speech several weeks ago Maxwell turned loose some new shots that neither Fountain nor Ehringhaus were expecting and made some holes in their fortifications through which he has been gaining votes ever since, according to reports reaching here. The two shots that did the most damage to the opposition and which have served to help his campaign more than anything else were his statement in favor of cheaper textbooks, pro-

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Relief Work Is Started In Tornado Region, With Appeal For Money Made

Testimony Begun At Woman's Trial For Killing Girl

Survivors Work With Red Cross and American Le- gion to Bury Dead, Care for Injured

DEATH TOTAL NOW AT FIGURE OF 358

Red Cross Quarters Estab- lished in Birmingham, With Eight Other Centers of Operation Set Up; Sur- vey of Conditions Made by Relief Crews

Birmingham, Ala., March 24.—(AP)—Relief agencies and neighbors of the stricken lent a hand of mercy to the South's tornado victims today as the death list grew to 358.

Survivors worked with the American Red Cross, the American Legion and other organizations to bury the dead.

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Kidnaped Infant Aboard Yacht In Chesapeake Bay, Norfolk Paper Has Heard

Highway Convicts Cost 65c Per Day

Raleigh, March 24.—(AP)—The State Highway Prison department housed, fed, clothed and scolded an average of about 4,000 prisoners through the first six months of the current fiscal year at a cost of 65.11 cents per day for each convict, the first semi-annual report of Sam D. Scott, supervisor, showed today.

Total operating expenses of the highway prison department were \$453,584.56 from July 1 until December 31, 1931.

The new road law, which transferred maintenance of the county roads to the State Highway Commission, also transferred all long term county prisoners to the State for work on the roads.

FARM REFINANCE BILL IS PROPOSED

Senator Wheeler Says He Will Introduce Measure Very Shortly

LOANS FOR FARMERS Would Enable Them To Save Their Farms With Money at Same In- terest Rate Now Charged Finance Companies

New York, March 24.—(AP)—U. S. Senator Burton K. Wheeler, Democrat Montana, said today he intends to introduce in Congress within the next few days a farmers' re-finance bill with provisions parallel to those in the recently adopted measure affecting financial institutions.

"It will provide," he said, "for loans to farmers so they can save their farms, at the same interest rate now charged by the refinance corporation to financial institutions."

CAPONE CRIMINALS SEEK HIS RELEASE

Hatch Plot To Control Of- fice-Holders of Both Parties

Washington, March 24.—(AP)—An attempt by criminal organizations headed by Al Capone to secure his freedom through control of public officials was charged today by Frank J. Loesch, president of the Chicago Crime Commission in a letter to Senator Borah.

Lewis, in a long letter reviewing attempts of Chicago gangland to control labor unions and public officers, said:

"It is my opinion, based upon these facts and other indications that the combination here now formed for getting men into public office, turns very largely on the efforts of the criminal organization headed by Al Capone to control sufficient of the elected public officials, party lines not cutting much figure, to get Capone freed from the penitentiary, sentences now hanging over his head, or secure reduction of the sentences."

GIRL LEAPS FROM ROOM TO DEATH

Pinehurst, March 24.—(AP)—Arriving here today for a visit to his father Philip S. T. Randolph, Jr., New York broker, declined to discuss the death in New York of Miss Laura Anderson, 23, who leaped from a window of Randolph's apartment early today.

Young Randolph had entered the North and South golf tournament, but scratched his name soon after his arrival. He would not say whether he intended to remain in Pinehurst or return to New York.

Three Representative Nor- folk Citizens Motor to Lindbergh Estate, It Is Stated

WENT TO ARRANGE RETURN OF CHILD

Norfolk Automobile Seen In Lindbergh Home Tends to Accentuate Story; Head of New Jersey Police, How- ever, Says No Truth In the Story

Norfolk, Va., March 24 (AP)—The Ledger Dispatch said today that Charles A. Lindbergh, Jr., 1-months-old son of the famous aviator, kidnaped from his parents' home in New Jersey more than three weeks ago, is reported in a yacht "somewhere in Chesapeake Bay."

The paper said three representative Norfolk citizens motored to the Saurland mountain estate of the Lindberghs Tuesday night and yesterday interviewed Colonel and Mrs. Lindbergh.

The visit of the Norfolk men was or the purpose of securing the assent of the Colonel to plans for the return of the baby, involving the payment of a substantial ransom, the Ledger Dispatch says.

These developments were learned today, the paper says, from an apparently authentic source, accentuated by reports from New Jersey of an automobile with Virginia and Norfolk license plates having been seen at Hopewell, N. J., and later at the Lindbergh estate.

TRUTH IN IT, DECLARES SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE

Hopewell, N. J., March 24.—(AP)—Hopewell dispatches indicating that the Lindbergh baby might be on a yacht in Chesapeake Bay, Colonel I. Norman Schwarzkopf, superintendent of State police, said:

"There is absolutely no truth in it."

LINDBERGH AGENTS HUNT 2 KIDNAPERS

Seen In Neighborhood Be- fore Baby Was Stolen, But Not Since Then

Hopewell, N. J., March 24.—(AP)—Police investigating the kidnaping of the baby son of Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh concentrated their efforts today in a search for two "known kidnapers," who have disappeared since the child was stolen.

The pair are Harry Fleischer, Detroit purple gangster, and Abie Wagner, an alleged associate. Raids in New York City and Long Island failed to trap them, but the hunt has only been intensified by their elusiveness.

"Abie Wagner, recorded as a known kidnaper, was alleged to have been seen around central parts of New Jersey shortly before the kidnaping," Superintendent of State Police H. Norman Schwarzkopf said in today's official bulletin on the case. "Since the kidnaping, he has not been seen or accounted for in any way," the bulletin continued.

ROME LAUNCHES ITS EASTER OBSERVANCE

Rome, March 24.—(AP)—The bells of Rome's 600 churches heralded Holy Maundy Thursday today, the anniversary of Christ's institution of the eucharist, then became silent to remain mute until Saturday noon. Rome has begun to mourn the passion and the crucifixion.

Thousands of pilgrims, including many Americans in Rome for Easter, went to Rome's cathedral church of St. John's Lateran to venerate the table exhibited as the one used for the Last Supper.