

Prohibition May Be Eliminated

State Planning To Add 450 Teachers Next Year Without Any More Cost

Economies Hoped for In Various Phases of Administration To Permit of Increases

FINISH ALLOTMENT IN TENTATIVE FORM

Detailed Study of Entire Set-Up Is Being Made By State Board of Equalization; \$16,199,000 Was Appropriated Last Year For the Schools

Raleigh, May 27 (AP)—Plans to operate North Carolina's public schools next year at no more cost than this year and yet add some 450 teachers were being formulated by the State Board of Equalization today.

Under its allotment this year the board held back \$250,000 of its total appropriation as an emergency fund and expects to do so next year.

There was 22,192 teachers in the State last year, and under the tentative allotment completed by the board late yesterday, this number will be increased to 22,642.

COTTON EXPORTS WILL BE LARGER

Cooperative Official Denies Exports Checked by Board's Policy

Daily Dispatch Bureau, In the Sir Walter Hotel. Raleigh, May 27.—Charles that farm board cotton cooperative policies have interfered with sales of American cotton abroad were effective diagnosis of her today when U. Benton Black, president, made public a communication from H. G. Safford, vice president in charge of sales of the American Cotton Cooperative Association, saying that exports of American cotton this season, "with one exception, will be the largest in 18 years."

A gain of 2,000,000 bales in exports this season ending August 1 over last season was predicted by Mr. Safford, who pointed out that monthly shipments of American cotton abroad since Christmas have averaged 350,000 bales above corresponding months in 1931.

Exports through April showed an increase of 1,432,000 bales over the same date last season. Answering "widely circulated propaganda" which he said has manipulated facts to make it appear that the slump of cotton exports in recent years was a result of the farm board cooperative program, Mr. Safford quoted figures to show that in every year since the farm board was created exports have been in excess of any of the nine years from 1915 to 1932.

Four Perish As Steamer Sinks After Collision

New York, May 27.—(AP)—The small steamer Grecian, rolling down from Boston to Norfolk, with a crew of 35, a cargo of general freight and 60 passengers, collided with the City of Chattanooga in a dense fog and dangerous seas off Block Island early today, and went to the bottom. Four members of her crew were missing as dawn found eight Coast Guard cutters darting about in the high seas seeking them. Some of those who were rescued were injured, as indicated by a radio call for a surgeon by the City of Chattanooga. The master of the Grecian was among those saved. The story of the collision was told graphically in radio messages picked up here by the Radio Marine Cor-

Blackmer May Return



Payment of a \$60,000 fine to the federal government by Henry M. Blackmer, above, Colorado oil millionaire and missing witness in the Teapot Dome oil trials, is expected to pave the way for Blackmer's return to this country from France where he has been living as a self-imposed exile. Blackmer is a friend of Harry F. Sinclair who was acquitted of manipulating the deal, through Albert B. Fall, whereby control of the naval oil reserve at Teapot Dome, Wyo., was obtained. Blackmer has settled, also, a federal income tax claim of \$3,669,784.47, paying in full.

PEACOCK DOES NOT QUESTION CURTIS

Has No Reason to Doubt Statement Made By Imprisoned Negotiator

FREACHER GIVES SIDE Says He Thinks It Due Himself And Public to Clarify Situation, Since no New Jersey Official Has Called on Him

Norfolk, Va., May 27 (AP)—A statement concerning his part in the Norfolk negotiations for the return of the kidnaped Lindbergh baby has been issued by the Rev. H. Dobson Peacock.

He began his statement by saying that "inasmuch as the New Jersey authorities have taken no steps to interview me at Norfolk since Colonel Schwarzkopf's receipt of my published telegram of May 18, I think I owe it to myself and the public to give the press a statement about my flight to the north on March 28 with Lieutenant George L. Richards, U. S. N., to see Colonel Lindbergh on Sourland mountain."

Dean Peacock said he had "no reason to question" the statement by John Hughes Curtis, who since has

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WALKER'S DENIAL OF OWNING STOCK UPSET BY WITNESS

New York Park Commissioner Says He Purchased Interstate Securities for Mayor

SEABURY ASSERTS WALKER IS VAGUE

Russell Sherwood's Flight in Face of Accusation Some Evidence of Guilt Committee's Attorney Says; Audience More Friendly to Day's Inquiry

New York, May 27 (AP)—Park Commissioner Walker R. Herrick testified today before the Hofstadter committee that he brought for Mayor James J. Walker and with the mayor's money 300 shares of Interstate Trust Company stock, which was issued in Herrick's name, and part of which was posted as collateral for a loan to the Equitable Trust Company. Walker denied on the stand yesterday and Wednesday that he had ever owned the stock, directly or indirectly.

Just before Herrick took the stand, Judge Seabury, counsel for the committee, in a reply to a motion by Democratic members of the committee that all testimony taken since April 26 be stricken from the records, declared that Walker's testimony had been "vague on all points," and that "Russell T. Sherwood's flight in the face of accusation in some evidence of guilt."

Although the court room was less crowded than it was yesterday and Wednesday, while Walker was on the stand, all seats were taken. Today's crowd was apparently more friendly to Seabury than the crowd of the last two days. He was cheered several times during his summary and the Democrats who kept objecting were hissed.

Peary Expedition Member Arrested By Hickory Chief

Hickory, May 27 (AP)—Dr. Clarence Christian Crafts, 52, of Hickory, member of North Pole in 1908, and Associated with many United States government geodesic surveys, was arrested at his home here last night for resisting an officer.

Craft was arrested on a charge of assault with a deadly weapon sworn out by Federal Narcotic Inspector John Dickson, whose headquarters are in Asheville.

Chief of Police Eugene Lentz, of Hickory, who was a member of the Peary expedition, said Crafts pulled a pistol and attempted to prevent the officers from making the search. He was arrested, however, and taken to Newton, where he was lodged in jail.

South Carolina Bar Association Favors Repealer

Greenville, S. C., May 27.—(AP)—A resolution favoring repeal of the prohibition law was adopted today by the South Carolina Bar Association.

The resolution, in addition to favoring repeal of the eighteenth amendment, said the prohibition question should be a State rather than a national issue.

Little opposition was heard to the resolution, and stirring speeches were made in its behalf.

Preparing to close its two-day convention, the association elected Thomas F. McDow, of York, president, and awarded next year's convention to Spartanburg.

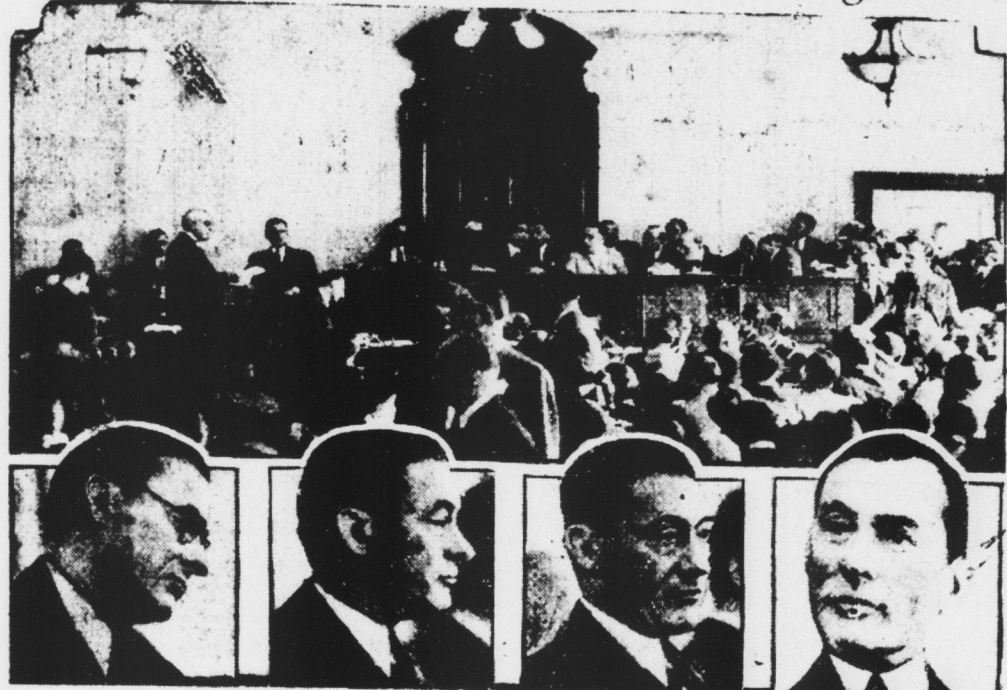
STOKESDALE PLANS REOPENING OF BANK

Raleigh, May 27.—(AP)—John G. Allen, of the State Banking Department left today for Stokesdale to confer with people there regarding the reopening of the Commercial Bank of Stokesdale, which closed recently.

\$12,500,000 PENSION MEASURE IS PASSED

Washington, May 27.—(AP)—The Senate today passed and sent to the White House a measure providing \$12,500,000 for pensions for veterans' widows and orphans for the balance of the fiscal year.

As Seabury-Walker Verbal Duel Began



This general view of the interior of the New York Supreme Court during the hearing of the Hofstadter Committee, shows Mayor James J. Walker in the witness chair being questioned by Judge Samuel Seabury. Strip shows varying expressions of the Mayor while under interrogation.

Quizzes Walker



Samuel Seabury

CLAIM MORRISON IS MAKING GAINS

Senator Is Dry But Can Go With Party on Platform It May Adopt

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

Raleigh, May 27.—Senator Cameron Morrison, in spite of the bitter personal and political attack being made upon him constantly by Robert R. Reynolds, Frank D. Grist and Tam C. Bowie, three of his four opponents for the Democratic nomination for United States Senator, is gradually picking up some strength, according to impartial observers here. Until within the last week or ten days there were very few here, even among Morrison's friends, who believed he could hope to do more than get in second place in the first primary, a majority conceding that Reynolds would undoubtedly be high man.

But within the past week there has been a decided change in sentiment in many sections of the State, ac-

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Illinois G. O. P. Leaders Are For Dry Law Repeal

Springfield, Ill., May 27.—(AP)—Former Governor Len Small, Republican nominee for governor, told the Republican State convention today he was for repeal of the eighteenth amendment.

His declaration came soon after the keynote and temporary chairman, Frank L. Smith, of Dwight, Ill., a personal "dry," urged the delegates to adopt a platform plank for re-submission of the liquor question to the states, and blamed the Democrats for placing the eighteenth amendment in the Federal Constitution.

WEATHER

FOR NORTH CAROLINA. Local thunderstorms this afternoon or tonight; cooler in west and north central portions tonight; Saturday generally fair and cooler.

Campaign Worries Again Plague The Republicans

Party Leaders Unable To Write Prohibition Plank Acceptable to Both Wets and Drys

MONEY VERY LOW AND NEED GROWS

Campaign Manager Likewise Has Not Been Chosen and Many Stalwarts Pout For Being Ignored; Democrats Still Undecided About Party Nominee

BY BYRON PRICE.

Washington, May 27.—(AP)—The campaign year worries of the Republican overshadowed for so long by the more spectacular tribulations of the Democrats, have taken a front seat once more in national politics.

Writing a prohibition plank acceptable alike to Republican wets and Republican dries has proved harder than many expected. Campaign funds remain almost non-existent. A fully qualified campaign manager still is lacking. Senator Borah has decided not even to attend the June 14 Chicago convention. On top of it all, a powerful group of stalwarts in Congress are complaining bitterly that they have been left out of party councils.

All of these things have added materially to the natural irritation of a time of great political stress. In large measure they have diverted attention during the present week from the continuing Democratic strife over the presidential nomination.

This does not mean that the Democratic problem has grown any simpler. It is moving along for convention solution about as every body expected. The week saw Franklin D. Roosevelt capture the Delaware delegation of six, and he stands to add 24 tomorrow from Utah and Colorado. On the basis of the Roosevelt claims that will make a total of 599, or 21 more than a convention majority. Speaker John N. Garner was given Texas, bringing his total to 90, and Alfred E. Smith received formal pledge of New Jersey's 32, making 122.

It takes 770 to nominate. On the 122 remaining to be selected after this week, Roosevelt has a chance to get 98. If he does, it will bring him him near the two-thirds, that one or two of the favorite son states could turn the trick.

POSTAGE RAISE MAY OMIT PUBLICATIONS

Washington, May 27.—(AP)—Exemption of newspapers, religious, agricultural and scientific publications from the proposed increase in second class postal rates was sought today by Senator Bankhead, Democrat, Alabama.

ROBBERS GET \$700 AND WOUND CLERK

Morris, Okla., May 27.—(AP)—Three unmasked men today robbed the First State Bank here of \$700, kidnaped Miss Clara Aggas, the bookkeeper, and then left her critically wounded on a road near town while they escaped in an automobile.

First Smash-Up For Auto Races

Indianapolis, Ind., May 27.—(AP)—Ira Hall, of Terre Haute, Ind., was uninjured but his car was badly wrecked in a crack-up at the Indianapolis motor speedway just before noon today. He was practicing for next Monday's 500-mile race. The car left the track and skidded along the top of the outside retaining wall before it finally fell back onto the course. It was brought to a stop right side up.

HOLD HEARINGS ON GARNER'S PROGRAM

Three Days Next Week Are To Be Given Over For Relief Measure

Washington, May 27.—(AP)—Acting Chairman Crisp today set next Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday as days for hearings before the House Ways and Means Committee on Speaker Garner's two billion dollar relief program.

The bill goes into the hopper today. The committee will seek to complete consideration quickly.

"By next Friday, we can begin work on the final draft of the bill in executive session," Crisp said.

HOUSE TO PROVIDE BUSTS OF LEADERS

Washington, May 27.—(AP)—Busts of Nicholas Longworth and Oscar Underwood will join those of four other past House leaders near the Capitol grounds.

The House has allotted \$2,500 each for acquiring the busts of Longworth, Underwood, and the last legislature, and Underwood.

Senate Works Memorial Day To Complete Revenue Bill

Washington, May 27.—(AP)—Doggedly driving through the revenue bill, Senate leaders determined today to forego the usual Decoration Day holiday on Monday to speed the conclusion of the budget balancing legislation.

The sales tax—a general levy of 1.75 percent on all sales—was formally laid before the weary legislators by Senator Walsh, Democrat, Massachusetts, at the outset of today's session, and a bitter contest impends. Going ahead with the remaining rate schedules, the Senate restored a ten percent levy on furs, adding \$15,000,000 to the measure, which is still

REPUBLICANS AND DEMOCRATS MIGHT UNITE UPON ISSUE

It Would Thus Be Removed and Campaign Could Be Waged on the Economic Situation

STALWARTS IN BOTH PARTIES FAVORABLE

But How To Do It Is Not Decided; Two Conferences Have Been Held, and Difficulty Now Is In Handling Militant Wets and Militant Drys in Ranks

Washington, May 27.—(AP)—Republican leaguers of the Republican and Democratic parties are canvassing the possibility of both parties uniting on identical prohibition platform declarations.

Two conferences have been held, one in New York and another here, but the movement admittedly has not gotten very far. It is unsatisfactory to the militant wets and dries of both parties.

Senator Reed, of Pennsylvania, high in Republican councils, endorsed the proposal. Senator Robinson, of Arkansas, the Democratic leader, also concurred in the proposition.

Senator Dill, of Washington, a Democratic prohibitionist, and prominent in the campaign of Governor Roosevelt of New York for the presidential nomination, advocated it as a means of fighting the 1932 campaign on the economic issue.

In 1852 the Wings and the Democrats tried the same proposition on slavery. Identical declarations were adopted then by the two parties on that burning controversy. Eight years later the Civil War began.

Leaders of both sides in the prohibition contest have said "all right, if you accept our proposal."

"I should like to see the prohibition question lifted out of partisanship," said Robinson, "but, frankly, I don't see how it can be done."

"I hope it can be done," said Reed. "I think it would be fortunate if we could meet the serious economic issues without the prohibition problem at stake."

Whether President Hoover or any of the Democratic presidential candidates have been approached or have taken a part in the prohibition elimination conference is not known.

EHRINGHAUS AGAIN SLAMS SALES TAX

Says He Is Against It Except In Emergency to Preserve Credit

Daily Dispatch Bureau, In the Sir Walter Hotel.

BY J. C. BASKERVILLE. Raleigh, May 27.—J. C. B. Ehringhaus candidate for the Democratic nomination for Governor, scored another direct hit behind the Maxwell lines in his address in Durham last night, when he again reiterated his opposition to any form of a sales tax and assailed the campaign managers of A. J. Maxwell for circulating a letter in which it is stated that Ehringhaus is "understood" to favor a general sales tax, according to observers here.

Ehringhaus also vigorously opposed the suggestion that has been made by Maxwell to divert some \$2,000,000 in highway funds, to be used to pay

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