

HOOVER WILL NAME DEBTS COMMISSION AT AN EARLY DATE

President Is Going Ahead With Bi-Partisan Undertaking Regardless of Roosevelt

PRESIDENT-ELECT TO KEEP HANDS OFF

Washington, Dec. 20. (AP)—President Hoover is preparing to name at once a bi-partisan commission to carry out the broad plans he outlined to Congress for dealing with war debts, government and world economic difficulties.

Already he has communicated with President-elect Roosevelt, whose cooperation Mr. Hoover said he would seek but the conviction grew here today that the New York governor has decided to leave the proposal entirely with the present Republican administration.

Resolute of congressional opposition to creation of a war debts commission, the President is proceeding on his own initiative along the lines he sketched in the lengthy special message to Congress yesterday.

Bishop Cheshire Is Semi-Conscious Of Blood Poison

Charlotte, Dec. 20 (AP)—Dr. Claude D. Squires, physician to the Rt. Rev. Joseph Blount Cheshire, D. D., bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of North Carolina, said this afternoon the clergyman was in a semi-conscious condition.

ADMITS ROBBERY OF TEXAS OIL COMPANY

Goldboro Police Believe Man They Captured Mixed Up With Bank Robberies Also

Goldboro, Dec. 20. (AP)—A man giving the name of Joe Berry, of Raleigh, was arrested and lodged in jail here on charges of robbing the Texas Oil Company at Kinston, and police say they believed he is a member of a gang of bank robbers.

Expect Leas Will Resist Extradition

Raleigh Hears Tennesseans Will Fight To Last Ditch To Escape Prison

Raleigh, Dec. 20 (AP)—It appeared today that papers of the North Carolina Supreme Court, directing that Luke Leas, Tennessee publisher, and his son, Luke, Jr., pay the penalty imposed on them in Buncombe county for bank law violation, would be on their way to Asheville by Thursday at the latest.

At the same time, the Associated Press learned on reliable authority here that the Leas will "without doubt" fight extradition.

WEATHER FOR NORTH CAROLINA. Partly cloudy, not quite so cold in northwest and extreme west portion tonight; Wednesday increasing cloudiness, slowly rising temperature, followed by rain in extreme west portion in afternoon or night.

To Succeed Young?



Gerard Swopes, above. Owen D. Young, below.

If Owen D. Young, below, leaves the General Electric corporation, as he is reported to be contemplating, Gerard Swopes, at top, is likely to be advanced from president to Young's post as chairman of the board. Young it is rumored, may return to the practice of law to recoup his fortune and serve as general counsel for the Radio Corporation of America, which he organized.

One Dead In Gun Battle In Alabama

Four County Officers Wounded and Negro Killed; More Reported Dead

Dadeville, Ala., Dec. 20.—(AP)—A heavily armed posse today surrounded a swamp near Reel-town and prepared to close in on three Negroes they believe to be leaders in yesterday's disturbances in which one Negro was killed and four deputy sheriffs wounded.

The possemen deployed in a circle and prepared to close in, with newspaper men, barred from accompanying them, standing at a distance to watch the maneuver.

Tallahassee, Ala., Dec. 20.—(AP)—Four Tallapoosa county officers were wounded, at least one Negro killed and others reported dead in a mass gun battle blamed by authorities on radical incitements, and precipitated by an attempt to attack a Negro farmer's livestock near here yesterday.

Possemen today hunted south central Alabama for more than a score of alleged Negro radicals accused of participation, while four Negro suspects were held in jail.

Reports persisted that more than one Negro was slain, either during the gun battle or by possemen searching for suspects, but these were difficult to confirm.

Ginnings in 1932 Over 3 1-4 Million Bales Under 1931

Washington, Dec. 20.—(AP)—Cotton of this year's crop ginned prior to December 13 was reported today by the Census Bureau to have totaled 12,085,648 running bales, including 622,125 round bales and 6,677 bales of American Egyptian.

Heads Dry Groups



Dr. James A. Crain, of Indianapolis, has been chosen to head more than 30 national dry organizations, comprising the national conference of organizations supporting the eighteenth amendment. The supporters of prohibition recently were in conference in Washington.

ENTIRE EUROPEAN DEBT ATTITUDE IS FOR FURTHER CUTS

France Contends She Has Always Understood Her Payments Depended On Reparations

GERMAN BOLSHEVISM BECAME BIG THREAT

Hoover Moratorium Relieved Tension for Time, But France Stops Paying Now; Talk of Reprisals Against France in Washington Won't Get Anywhere

By CHARLES F. STEWART Washington, Dec. 20.—Small countries in the Caribbean sphere of influence, such as Haiti, which have defaulted their obligations to the United States or to American interests, occasionally have had Yankee receivers placed in charge of their custom houses in the past. Nothing of the sort is even suggested as a means of collecting the \$19,281,432 war debt interest owing to Uncle Sam from France but unpaid on the date it was due Dec. 15.

Gardner Closes Door on Further Pardon Appeals

Raleigh, Dec. 20.—(AP)—Being "literally swamped" with clemency applications made in recent weeks, Governor Gardner and his executive counsel, Tyre Taylor, said today no applications received after yesterday will be considered before John C. B. Ehringhaus becomes governor on January 5.

"We are literally besieged with applications for clemency," Governor Gardner said. "There will be no general act of amnesty of extension of clemency because of Christmas, or, because my term is ending. We are trying to investigate every case which was filed before yesterday, so that I can act on the petitions myself or leave full information for Mr. Ehringhaus."

Counties Are Not Required To Repay Loans For Relief

Raleigh, Dec. 20.—Funds from the Federal government to take care of the needy and destitute of North Carolina this winter going out to the counties and cities of the State without strings or promise to repay seems evidently too good to be true in some sections.

Dr. Fred W. Morrison, State director of relief, said today that at first there was a disposition on the part of some counties to shy away from their allotment on account of the fear that they would be unable to pay it back. The attitude persists in isolated instances to drag out these individual allocations over a longer period than that for which the apportionments

1933 LEGISLATURE TO REPEAL FOREIGN STOCK EXEMPTIONS

Repeal, However, Will Not Bring In Any Great Revenue Such as Many Claim It Will

FRESH STAB ALSO AGAINST PRIMARY

Judge Tam Bowie Looms as Leader of That Fight, But May Have Hard Struggle, With Other Pressing Questions Likely Crowding It Out Somewhat

Daily Dispatch Bureau. In the Star-Walter Hotel. BY J. C. BASKERVILLE. Raleigh, Dec. 20.—One of the gestures certain to be made at the coming session of the General Assembly, and far-reaching in its political effect, is the repeal of the foreign stock exemptions put through at the 1923 session by Ned Parker, Jr., then of Alamance, now of Guilford.

\$35,000 In Cash Taken From Bank

Philadelphia, Dec. 20.—(AP)—Five robbers held up eleven persons and escaped with approximately \$35,000 in cash from the branch bank of the Pennsylvania Company for insurance on lives and granting annuities at 45th and Walnut street, West Philadelphia, today. The loss was covered by insurance.

While four of the men who held sawed off shotguns kept eight employees, two workmen and a customer covered, the other robber, armed with a pistol and carrying a burlap bag strapped around his back, entered the teller's cage.

State Will Pay Off In Full—1932

Meets All Obligations and Gardner Thinks No State Has Done Better

Daily Dispatch Bureau. In the Star-Walter Hotel. BY J. C. BASKERVILLE. Raleigh, Dec. 20.—Latest reports from the budget bureau give clerks and heads of State departments reasonable assurances that there will be no delay in the payment of salaries.

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were made in order to keep counties from going so far in debt in relief administration.

"These funds seem so much like manna rained down from heaven that our people have seemed disposed to regard them as sacred and only to be handled as a special treasure brought to them by miracle. Under Governor Gardner's program and policy the State itself borrows these funds from the Federal allotment.

SALES TAX WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED IN PRESENT CONGRESS, COLLIER SAYS

GIRL RUNS NEW HIGH TEMPERATURE



With a temperature ranging between 110 and 115 degrees for the past three months, higher than any heretofore known to medical science, Alice Tolan, 20-year-old Mexican girl, has been near death in a Los Angeles hospital. Suffering from tumor of the brain, hope for her recovery has been abandoned.

State's Dry Law Seems Certain Of Modification

Legislators Answering Associated Press Poll Indicate Sentiment Is Very Strong

ONLY 34 OF 170 IN THE GROUP ANSWER

But Only One Of That Number Goes on Record as Definitely Opposed to Changes in Bone Dry Turlington Act, Which Is State's Prohibition Law

Raleigh, Dec. 20.—(AP)—Repeal or modification of North Carolina's bone dry Turlington act, a more stringent prohibition law than the national statute, appears slated to have its heyday in the 1933 General Assembly.

Results of an Associated Press poll of the 179 members of the incoming legislature, with only 34 members replying, indicate that sentiment for repeal or modification of the dry law is strong, but the percentage of membership quoted was too small for any definite trend to be determined.

Tam Bowie Now Talked As Speaker

Raleigh, Dec. 20.—(AP)—The Raleigh Times says "the politically minded here and elsewhere over the State 'keep hearing that Tam C. Bowie, fiery and eloquent Ashe county statesman, may make a bid for the speakership of the House."

Representative Julius C. Martin of Asheville, and R. Gregg Cherry, of Gastonia, are also being mentioned for the speakership.

OUR WEATHER MAN SHOPPING DAYS BEFORE CHRISTMAS

HOUSE IS ADVISED TAX ON BEER WON'T SQUARE UP BUDGET

New York Congressman Says Measure Won't Produce Over \$75,000,000 At \$5 Barrel

UNCONSTITUTIONAL, CROWTHER ASSERTS

Won't Stand Up Long As 18th Amendment Is In Organic Law; Administration Fighting For Sales Tax, Hoover Having Asked It In His Message

Washington, Dec. 20.—(AP)—Chairman Collier told newspaper men today that he would not call the House Ways and Means Committee together to consider levying a general sales tax at this session of Congress.

He announced his intention a short while before opening of House debate on the 3.2 percent beer bill, on which the Democrats are relying to help balance the budget.

Burns Betrayed Trust, Georgia's Board Declares

Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 20.—(AP)—The Georgia Prison Commission, in a telegram to Governor Moore of New Jersey today, said Robert Elliott Burns "betrayed his trust" as a changing trust by escaping, and he was not cruelly treated while a convict, and asked that he be returned here to complete his term for robbery.

May Refund Large U. S. Public Debt

Action In Near Future Looms as Possible Following Mills' Statement

Washington, Dec. 20.—(AP)—Feeling of billions of dollars in outstanding Treasury securities in the near future appeared possible to financial experts following Secretary Mills' statement before the House Ways and Means Committee today.