

WETS OUTVOTE DRYS IN FIRST TEST ON NEW BEER BILL

LIFE OF MEASURE HUNG ON OUTCOME OF THE BALLOTING

Came About In Parliamentary Maneuver During Debate, Forced by New York Member

AMENDMENT LATER REJECTED BY VOTE

Attempt Made To Declare 3.2 Percent Beer Not Intoxicating; Decision on Beer Bill Proper Is Fast Approaching as Debate Nears Its End

Washington, Dec. 21 (AP)—The House today in the first test vote on the Collier beer bill—a vote upon which depended the life of the measure.

A preliminary motion to strike out the existing clause of the measure, which automatically would have been passed if it was forced to a vote by opponents of the bill, and rejected by a vote of 163 to 118.

The motion had been made by Representative Sirovich, Democrat, New York, in order to gain the floor to take part in the debate. When, after speaking, he sought to withdraw his motion, opponents of the bill objected, and forced a vote. Sirovich favors the measure.

The vote was the first taken as the House swept through another tangle of disputable debate toward a final balloting on passage.

A moment later an amendment by Representative O'Connor, Democrat, New York, to declare 3.2 percent beer was not intoxicating was rejected.

RELIEF LOANS MADE IN SUM OF \$4,480,000

Washington, Dec. 21 (AP)—Relief loans totalling over \$4,480,000 today were voted by the Reconstruction Corporation to four states: Wisconsin getting \$3,342,987; Ohio, \$1,077,818; South Carolina, \$37,500; and Iowa \$10,000.

Expect Leas At Prison In Raleigh Soon

Events Are Moving Rapidly In Final Drama as Mighty Men See Bars Loom

Raleigh, Dec. 21 (AP)—The State Supreme Court this afternoon mailed to Buncombe Superior Court the judgment in the Luke Lea bank fraud case.

As soon as the papers reach Asheville, Buncombe county may take steps to imprison the Tennessee publisher and former United States senator and collect a \$25,000 fine from Luke Lea, Jr., or imprison him.

The judgment was certified to the lower court upon receipt of notification from the Supreme Court of the United States of the termination of the futile Lea appeal in that court.

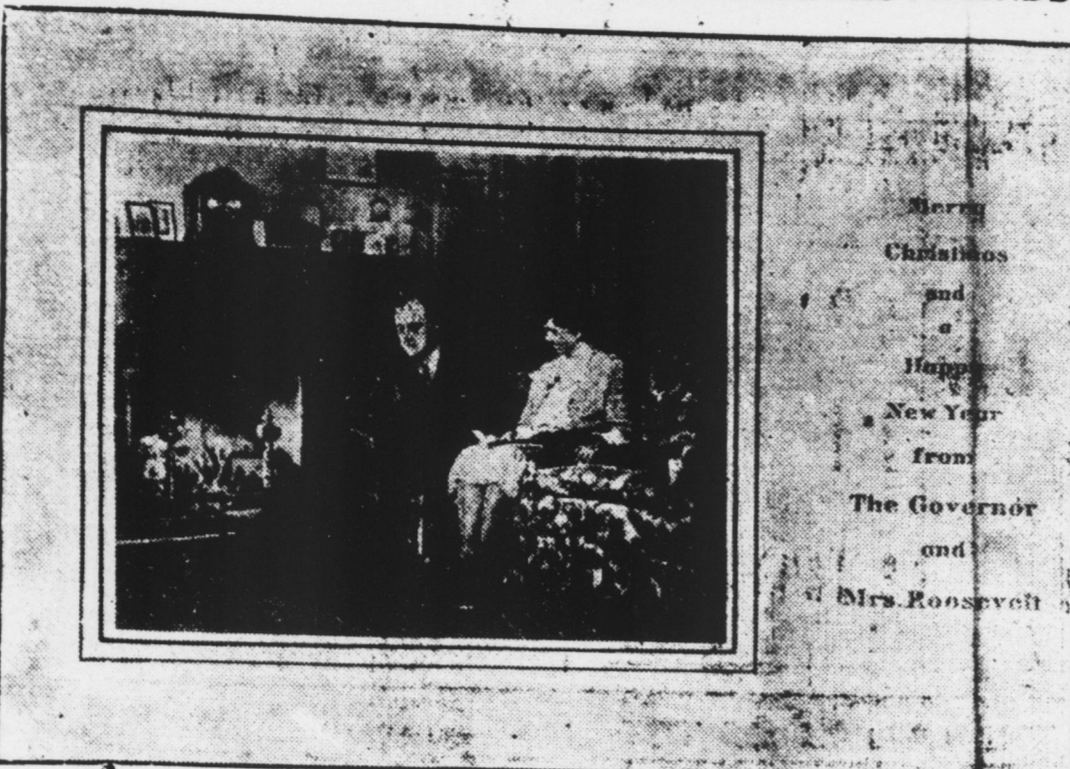
Only hope of the Leas to avoid execution of their sentences was seen here as a fight over extradition to the State.

Daily Dispatch Bureau, In the Sir Walter Hotel, Raleigh, Dec. 21.—North Carolina State eyes on Tennessee today as the State Supreme Court probably transmits the action of the United States Supreme Court in turning down the appeal of the two Luke Leas of Tennessee who had asked the highest court to review North Carolina's trial of the case which sent them along with Wallace B. Davis to the State Prison for long terms.

The order of the high court in

(Continued on Page Four) WEATHER FOR NORTH CAROLINA. Cloudy, probably followed by rain in west portion tonight and Thursday; slightly warmer in extreme west portion tonight and in west and north portions Thursday.

HOW THE PRESIDENT-ELECT REMEMBERS HIS FRIENDS



"Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from the Governor and Mrs. Roosevelt" is the greeting from the president-elect and the next first lady of the land to their friends throughout the United States. The card, ready for mailing to a host of people, is reproduced above.

France Refused To Pay U. S. But Is Considering Making Loan To Austria

Deputies In French Chamber Ask How Two Courses Can Be Reconciled; Government Will Decide In Next Ten Days What It Will Do; League Loan

Paris, Dec. 21 (AP)—Another phase of France's financial dilemma, a proposed loan to Austria pressed forward today for a decision, while the principal leaders hoped for early settlement of the American debt problem.

The two problems were linked by deputies who asked how France could make the loan to Austria when it refused to pay a sum only twice as great as the United States last week.

The League of Nations approved a \$43,000,000 loan to Austria last July at the Lausanne conference to be raised by member nations. France's share in this loan, intended to save Austria from a perilous financial situation, was 250,000,000 francs, or about \$9,750,000.

Within the next ten days a decision is to be reached by the French government on whether the loan should be made.

Deputies who favored making the interest payment of more than \$19,000,000 to the United States last Thursday raised the question of grounds for making the Austrian loan

GARDNER'S CHANCE FOR CABINET POST BEST IN THE SOUTH

Head and Shoulders Above Any Other Southern Possibility Excepting Carter Glass

DANIELS TALKED TO BECOME AMBASSADOR

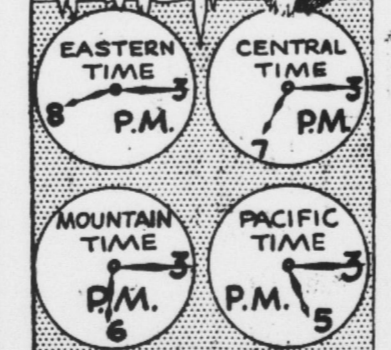
Not Likely To Return to Old Navy Job; Washington People Tell Raleigh People To Watch, Something Is Going To Happen Soon In Appointments

Washington, Dec. 21 (AP)—Contract for dredging the north end of the intra-coastal waterway from Cape Fear river, North Carolina, to Winyah Bay, S. C., was let today to the Arundel Corporation, of Baltimore, for \$212,375 by the War Department.

SMITH CROP LOANS MEASURE APPROVED

Washington, Dec. 21 (AP)—Approval of the bill Senator Smith introduced, South Carolina, for 1933 crop production loans from unexpended balances now held by the Agriculture Department, was voted today by the Senate Agriculture Committee.

Winter, Shortest Day



1932 DECEMBER 1932 WINTER BEGINS DEC. 21. SHORTEST DAYS: 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31. Winter begins Wednesday, Dec. 21, at time shown above. Shortest days—all the same length, nine hours, 14 minutes—extend from Dec. 17 to 27, inclusive.

HOOVER WILL NOT HAVE DEMOCRATIC SUPPORT ON PLAN

But President Drives Forward Anyway In Attack on Problem of World Economic Relief

PRESIDENT THINKS ACTION IS URGENT

Situation Cannot Wait Until After March 4, and He Intends to Lay Ground Work Far as Possible; Proceeds After His Message to Congress

Washington, Dec. 21 (AP)—President Hoover apparently will not receive Democratic support for his three-fold plan of approaching world economic difficulties, but, nevertheless, he is determined to proceed on his own initiative in the few weeks remaining of his administration.

While congressional Democrats avoided commitment which would hinder their action after March 4, Mr. Hoover and his advisers began a series of conferences in preparation for the proposed international economic meeting which the chief executive has linked with studies of war debts and disarmament problems.

This followed his special message to Congress, in which the President said that "discussions in respect to both debt questions and the world economic conference cannot be concluded during my administration, yet the economic situation in the world necessitates the preliminary work essential to its success."

"The undertaking of these preliminary questions should not be delayed until after March 4," he said.

CONTRACT LET FOR INLAND DREDGING

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Equalizing Body Loses Court Case

Chowan Authorities Win Contention Against Consolidation of Schools

Raleigh, Dec. 21 (AP)—The State Supreme Court, handing down 19 opinions today, ruled the State Board of Equalization must provide support for three district schools in Chowan county it had ordered consolidated with the Chowan high school.

The equalization board, which administers the State school funds for economy purposes, ordered the River View, Wards and Rylands district schools consolidated with Chowan high, providing transportation of students to that school.

In an action brought by Chowan authorities against the board, and heard by Judge Michael Schenk in Wake Superior Court, the jurist ruled the board had no authority to order the consolidation. The board appealed.

The Supreme Court, in affirming Judge Schenk, quoted the State's Constitution, which says counties shall be divided into "a convenient number of districts in which elementary schools must be maintained."

It held the 1931 State support school law "did not confer upon the State Board of Equalization power to discontinue the public schools in River View, Ryland and Ward districts and require the children residing in these districts to be transported to the Chowan high school for elementary instruction.

Western America Shaken By Heavy Quake Last Night

Immigration Ban Excludes 500,000

Washington, Dec. 21 (AP)—Secretary Stimson today reported to President Hoover that as a result of emergency bars against immigration, over 500,000 aliens who normally would have entered the United States "during the economic depression" have been held out. The secretary of state reported this result had been accomplished solely through the enforcement of existing provisions of the law, principally the clause excluding persons "likely to become a public charge."

SENATOR REYNOLDS IS FULLY AT HOME IN AUGUST SENATE

Knows Difference Between Cattle Boat and Legislative Hall Despite Varied Career

JUST AS DIGNIFIED AS ANY OF OTHERS

Meets Huey Long of Louisiana, Patent Medicine Salesman Reynolds Met When Latter Was Running Skating Rink in Baton Rouge Fifteen Years Ago

Washington, Dec. 21 (AP)—Stories of Senator Robert R. Reynolds' adventures before he became a senator (and he only dates back senatorially to last November's election) unquestionably will continue to leak out from time to time as long as he remains in office. And that probably will be a long time, to judge from present evidence of his popularity in his home state of North Carolina.

For one thing, a man who has worked his way three or four times around the world, traveled with a circus, been a professional wrestler and engaged

Private Gas Concerns In State Losing

House Committee is Working on Relief Measure To Come Up After Holidays

Washington, Dec. 21 (AP)—The House Agriculture Committee failed to reach a decision today on the domestic allotments relief plan sponsored by farm leaders, but committee disposition indicated a sentiment to apply that method to wheat and cotton only on a strictly emergency basis.

Washington, Dec. 21 (AP)—Preparation of a farm relief bill embodying the domestic allotments plan was undertaken today by the House Agriculture Committee.

With its long hearings concluded, the committee hoped to draft a measure acceptable to farm leaders and producers for prompt action in the House after Christmas.

Representatives of the packing industry and some millers, however, have opposed the domestic allotments plan, contending that instead of benefiting the farmer it would result in lower prices.

Fifth of Nation Feels Tremor, Said by Observers To Be Most Severe Since 1925

NO SERIOUS DAMAGE LEARNED AS RESULT

Some Windows Shattered; Crockery Broken, Pictures Thrown Awry and Chandeliers Swayed; Newspapers Besieged With Queries As to its Extent

San Francisco, Cal., Dec. 21 (AP)—A strong earthquake shook virtually the entire western United States, embracing about a fifth of the nation, last night. Seismologists said it was the most severe in the area since 1925.

No serious damage was reported from the series of shocks, which began at 10:10 p. m. Pacific standard time, and continued with diminishing intensity until 11:15 o'clock. The quake centered in Nevada, where windows were shattered.

Clocks were stopped in cities widely separated as Salt Lake, Utah, and Fresno, Cal. Chandeliers swayed, pictures were thrown away and some crockery broken.

At 10:10 p. m., western America bounded roughly by the Canadian and Mexican borders and extending from the Pacific coast to Salt Lake City, Utah, and beyond, trembled under the series of shocks. Needles were buried from seismographs in Spokane, Wash., Berkeley, Calif., and at the University of Santa Clara in San Jose, Cal.

Minutes later newspapers in the area were subjected to hundreds of telephone calls, asking the source of the shock. Most of the queries came from persons reporting awry chandeliers or stop clocks. Rumors of severe damage in remote areas were quickly investigated and discredited.

DRAFT AMENDMENT AGAINST DRY LAW

Washington, Dec. 21 (AP)—A tentative draft of a resolution to repeal the eighteenth amendment emerged today from a Senate Judiciary sub-committee.

Drafted as the basis for discussion and not as a necessarily representing the views of the committee, it would give Congress power to prevent return of the sloop.

Raleigh, Dec. 21 (AP)—Privately owned gas companies of North Carolina today told the State Corporation Commission that only three gas companies operating in the State were showing any net returns and they were not getting a fair return, with all others called to appear here for rate conferences reporting deficits.

The Commission has called the conference with the gas companies looking toward possible rate reductions, but the companies presented data which most of them said warranted increased rates, though such were not requested.

A fourth company showing a net return, the Southern Public Utilities, was not included in the conference, as it recently cut its gas rate.

The Tidewater Power Company, or

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OUR WINTER MAN 3 SHOPPING DAYS BEFORE CHRISTMAS

WILL ROGERS says: "Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 21.—'Technocracy'—is it a new mouth wash, a corn plaster or has the scientists just hired a press agent?"