

Outlook For Beer Measure Not So Bright In Senate; May Be Vetoed By Hoover

PASSES THE HOUSE BY BIG MARGIN IN WEDNESDAY'S VOTE

Prompt Consideration Promised in Senate in Mid-January as Next Step

DRYS CONFIDENT OF ITS DEFEAT THERE

If It Does Get by Upper House, They Feel President Will Veto It and Congress Cannot Pass It After That; Important Provision Set Forth

Washington, Dec. 22.—(AP)—The bill to legalize 3.2 percent beer, passed by the House yesterday, was presented to the Senate today and referred immediately to the judiciary committee without discussion.

Washington, Dec. 22.—(AP)—The 3.2 percent beer bill, which rode through the House on the wave of a 220 to 165 majority late yesterday, came to two new hurdles today—the Senate and presidential approval. Prompt consideration was promised in the Senate probably in mid-January after a vote has been had on a proposed repeal of the Volstead law in 12 years.

While the vote continued jubilant, the 220 to 165 votes which spelled their first successful attempt to legalize the Volstead law in 12 years, dry members confidentially asserted the measure would be defeated at the other end of the Capitol. If not, they held that President Hoover would not approve it, and that it would be passed over his veto.

The important provisions of the 3.2 percent beer bill passed by the House and sent to the Senate are: to legalize beer, ale, porter and lager

(Continued on Page Four) MACHINE COMPANY PLANT IS BURNED

Fayetteville, Feb. 22 (AP)—Fire destroyed the plant of the Carolina Machine Co. here today. Damages were estimated at \$10,000. There was no insurance.

\$35,000,000 Set Up For Road Work 65 Percent Cut In Fund in Agriculture Bill, Reported to the House

Washington, Dec. 22.—(AP)—The \$35,000,000 Agriculture Department bill, setting aside only \$35,000,000 for Federal highway aid in the bill, was reported to the House today by its appropriations committee. It was the third of the nine big appropriations measures to be reported since Congress convened.

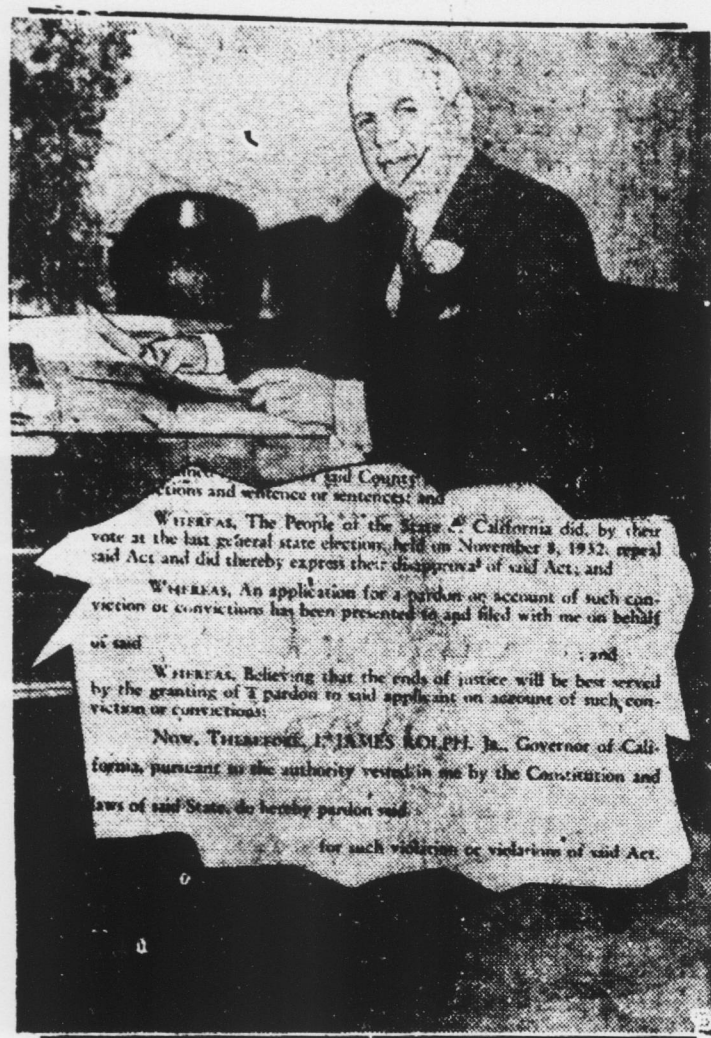
The Treasury-Post Office measure already has been sent to the Senate and the House plans to consider consideration of the Interior Department bill today.

Following out President Hoover's recommendation for reducing the Federal highway relief aid allotment by \$25,000,000, the committee allowed only \$10,000,000 of the usual annual \$100,000,000 outlay.

The Bureau of Federal Roads said it would meet the maturing obligations to the states for the full fiscal year of 1931 due partly to the emergency employment relief appropriations measure made at the session.

FOR NORTH CAROLINA. Cloudy, followed by rain Friday, and in west portion tonight; not much change in temperature.

CHRISTMAS CARDS MEAN FREEDOM



Two hundred Christmas cards of Gov. James Rolph of California are ready. Each is a pardon in red, white and blue, and bearing a huge gold seal, which the governor is presenting to violators, serving terms in county jails, of the Wright act, California's prohibition law that was repealed at the November election. The documents, a sample of which is above, are being awarded to all those who were not previous offenders or involved in violence.

MERGING OF LOAN AGENCIES PLANNED

Democrats Study Program For Closely Knit Farm Loan Authority

CONFERENCE IS HELD

Morgenthau Meets With Congressional Leaders To Map Carrying Out Campaign Pledges By Governor Roosevelt

Washington, Dec. 22.—(AP)—Henry Morgenthau, Jr., representing President-elect Roosevelt, met with House and Senate Democratic leaders today to frame a program for consolidating Federal agencies concerned with loans to farmers.

Morgenthau, New York State conservation commissioner, and close friend of Governor Roosevelt, met with Speaker Garner, Senator Robinson, the Democratic leader, and other Democratic spokesmen on the farm question.

Several other senators, representatives and farm leaders were in the conference, the prime purpose of which was said to be to carry out one of Mr. Roosevelt's campaign pledges, consolidation of farm loan agencies. The purpose is to merge eight governmental agencies which have been created to make loans to farmers into one closely knit organization, with a single policy.

Statesville Bank Receiver Ordered Put Under Arrest

Asheville, Dec. 22.—(AP)—District Attorney Frank C. Patton, of Morganton, said here today he had ordered the arrest of Earl W. Jones, former Statesville bank receiver, pending an audit of his books, and that he probably will be charged with violation of his trust. Jones, now under arrest in Wilmington, where he was found two days after having disappeared December 5, was receiver of the Commercial National Bank of Statesville. He disappeared a few hours before he was to have turned over the bank's affairs to W. H. Spradlin, sent by Washington authorities to relieve him. Reports from Wilmington today said Jones had recognized his son, Earl Jones, of States, upon his arrival there today and talked with him for some time.

NORTH CAROLINA'S HIGHWAY FUND NOW \$3,000,000 SHORT

No Possibility of Surplus To Be Diverted to Schools or Any Other State Usage

JEFFRESS REVEALS ACTUAL CONDITIONS

Cuts and Slashes Have Been Made, but Tremendous Decline in Licenses and Gasoline Consumption Have Played Havoc With Huge Highway Funds

Jeffress had a communication in the papers this morning commenting on figures of Dr. Albert S. Keis (Continued on Page Seven)

Two Suits, Each For \$50,000, Are Filed on A. C. L.

Fayetteville, Dec. 22 (AP)—Two suits, each for \$50,000 were filed against the Atlantic Coast Line railroad company here today by the father of two young persons killed in a grade crossing crash near here September 13.

W. F. Cannady, administrator of the estate of Euland E. Cannady, his son, and Dr. P. W. Olive, administrator of the estate of Miss Orion Olive his daughter, filed the suits.

Two other persons were also killed in the wreck.

Tar Heel Women Beseech Alms of New First Lady

Raleigh, Dec. 22.—(AP)—Mrs. Franklin Roosevelt's North Carolina admirers are so numerous that she finds it necessary to turn over some of her mail to women of this State when requests go to New York for contributions from the First Lady of the Landslide.

Mrs. Roosevelt was requested by one North Carolina woman to send \$250 to pay on a note. Another Tar Heel sister asked for a smaller amount and when Mrs. Roosevelt turned the letter over to local people who could do something to help the distressed seeker after aid she resented the prying into her personal affairs. When the survey of her needs was made it was discovered that the North Carolinian was simply trying to find if Mrs. Roosevelt would give her anything.

Considering the majority that Mr. Roosevelt received in the election it would seem that the coming White House queen is in for considerable almsgiving. Mrs. Roosevelt is being helped to dispose of her Tar Heel postulants by people in their community. For instance when a woman writes Mrs. Roosevelt for aid the letter comes back to the community from which it was sent and the real needs of suffering sisters are ascertained.

How many of these letters are written by stupid people and how many by seekers after notoriety or notice of some kind nobody knows. But it is rather embarrassing to North Carolina people to have their State put into the mendicant's column by these persistent appeals to the busiest woman in the world.

WILL ROGERS says:

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 22.—I don't know why Mr. Hoover is all excited over the debt yet. That's all over now. He did a mighty good job. We owe about one hundred and twenty-five millions, and he collected over a hundred. Anybody can get four-fifths collecting is a mighty good job of collecting. And besides, France is going to pay. So, it looks like the debt thing is all settled till next December, when it will be Mr. Roosevelt's Christmas present to try and get on our tree. Time to worry over a debt is before you get it, not after you get four-fifths of it. So, arguing over the debt now is just like arguing over the last election. Yours, WILL.

Roosevelt Again Declines Any Joint Responsibility For Hoover Debt Procedure

CAPITOL PAGES BATTLE IN SNOW



A Washington cameraman gets close enough to snap the annual snow battle between the pages of the senate and house of representatives, a short distance from the capitol. It has the earmarks of another Democratic-Republican encounter!

France Will Seek Debts Settlement

Paris, Dec. 22.—(AP)—The minister's declaration prepared by the new cabinet says the Paul-Boncour government will bend every effort to a general settlement of the war debts problem. But in view of the political situation in the United States, the declaration warns, the negotiations must be conducted with extreme prudence.

DECISION NOT TO PREVENT MERGERS

Chowan Chase, Ruled by Supreme Court, Big Development on Schools

Raleigh, Dec. 22.—Supreme Court opinion in the celebrated Chowan case, wherein the insurgent residents of three districts for a time conducted their own school rather than go into the high school consolidated district, will not materially affect the school consolidations throughout the State. The court opinion which came down yesterday merely finds that the State Board of Equalization cannot effect consolidation of its own will. The Constitution of North Carolina came to the rescue of the insurgents who resisted the consolidation of River View, Ward's, and Ryland's elementary school districts. There was nothing wrong in the State Board of Equalization's insistence that the high school be maintained and transportation be furnished; but the Supreme Court found the Constitution standing in the way of consolidation from Raleigh. In other words, the 1931 MacLean act did not confer upon the State (Continued on Page Seven)

Police Reporter Found Unconscious In Car In Garage

Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 22.—(AP)—Ray Seidle, 35, police reporter for a Chicago newspaper, was found unconscious in a garage at his parents' home here early today, his throat, mouth and nose tightly bound with adhesive tape and his knees pinioned, while nearby blazed flames from a pile of rubbish. Police who investigated said Seidle, semi-conscious, several hours later nodded his head when asked if two men assaulted him as he drove into the garage. He was rescued by his brother, Robert, who was aroused by a neighbor. Officers as they believed, the reported had managed to throw a brick through the garage window, then tumbled unconscious across the button of the automobile horn, which sounded an alarm. They were unable to determine a motive for the attack. Robert Seidle said his brother carried about \$200, which was missing.

FARMER IN WILSON WIPES OUT FAMILY

Rodney Eatman, 28, Kills Wife; Two Small Children, Then Suicides

AXE IS USED TO KILL

Wilson, Dec. 22 (AP)—A family of four was wiped out early today when Rodney Eatman, 28-year-old Wilson county farmer, hacked to death his wife and two small children with an axe, and then killed himself with a shotgun.

Coroner B. T. Martin, who returned a verdict of murder and suicide, is reconstructing the tragedy, said Eatman, apparently killed his wife, Margaret, 21, and children, Georgia Marie, 2, and Josephine, aged one, as they slept. The bodies of the mother and Georgia Marie, attired in night clothing, were found in one bed, while the bodies of Eatman, who was dressed, and the baby, Josephine, were in another. The tragedy was discovered by Claude Wells, brother of Mrs. Eatman.

40 Percent Farm Lands Mortgaged

Washington, Dec. 22.—(AP)—Approximately 40 percent of the farm lands in the United States are under mortgage. This was the estimate of Eric Englund, assistant chief of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics, to the House Appropriations sub-committee at hearings today on the annual Agricultural Department supply bill. About five percent of these farms Englund said, have mortgage debts in excess of their value; about ten percent debts from 75 to 100 percent of their value, and 21 percent debts from 50 to 75 percent. Much of this indebtedness is being wiped out through the drastic foreclosure method, he said. Englund said that in 1930-31, 2.6 percent of all farms in the west-north central states were transferred through foreclosure or as the result of mortgage indebtedness.

Agriculture Expert Says Some of Them Plastered Far Above Their Value

Washington, Dec. 22.—(AP)—An explanation to this effect was given today by an official source, which declined to be quoted directly, pending issuance at the White House of the Hoover-Roosevelt correspondence. Correspondence between Mr. Hoover and Mr. Roosevelt, which will be made public shortly, will indicate that the President feels it would be useless to proceed toward any immediate settlement of such intricate and weighty international questions as those in connection with the wartime obligations to this country. An explanation to this effect was given today by an official source, which declined to be quoted directly, pending issuance at the White House of the Hoover-Roosevelt correspondence.

TELLS PRESIDENT WANTS FREE HAND WHEN HE GOES IN

Correspondence Between Hoover and President-Elect Made Public at White House

NO AGREEMENT IS REACHED BY TWO

Little Action of Any Kind Now Likely Toward Settling Momentous Problems Until After Roosevelt Takes Office March 4; Useless to Proceed

Washington, Dec. 22.—(AP)—President-elect Roosevelt, in correspondence made public today at the White House, declined "to accept any joint responsibility" in the appointment of a commission to explore the war debts and other international problems, telling Hoover, in effect, that he wished a free hand after he takes office March 4.

DISCUSSIONS BRING OUT

NO AGREEMENT ANY KIND Washington, Dec. 22.—(AP)—Discussion between President Hoover and President-elect Roosevelt on war debts and other international problems have failed to produce any substantial agreement between them as to procedure, and the probability was seen in informed circles today to be strongly that little action will be taken before March 4 toward final settlement of present difficulties.

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Default By France Will Aid Britain

England Is Same Old Beacon of Dependability, and Hats Are Off to Her

By CHARLES P. STEWART Washington, Dec. 22.—England is the one country which seems likely to profit in the long run, from France's deliberate default in payment of current interest on the Gallia war debt to the United States. America naturally does not profit by it.

It already is apparent that France will not. French securities slumped simultaneously with announcement of the chamber of deputies' vote to repudiate Dec. 15's national obligation to Uncle Sam. Germany's leading newspapers hasten to advance the argument that France's government's disregard of its financial pledge nullifies the treaty of Versailles. Repudiations to the disadvantage of French credit are noticeable in every direction, the world over in short.

In the midst of this situation English integrity is all the more obvious by very reason of such a contrast. True, the Italian bill, too, was paid on the nail, as were Czechoslovakia's.

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OUR WEATHER MAN 2 SHIPING D'S CHRISTMAS