

SALES TAX REBATE IDEA REGARDED AS SMOOTH LOBBYING

Sooner or Later Real Figures Will Be Offered To Show It Will Cost People More

APPEARS TO OFFER COUNTIES SOMETHING

And Average Representative Is Alert For That, But People Pay in the End; Sales Tax Advocates Realize They Will Face Hard Fight If They Win

Daily Dispatch Bureau. In the Star-Walker Hotel. Raleigh, Dec. 23. The movement to rebate to the counties 20 percent of any revenue obtained by the 1933 General Assembly...

As Chain Gang Fugitive Pleaded for Freedom



Here is the scene in the Assembly Chamber of the State House at Trenton, N. J., as William Elliott Burns (No. 2), convict-author, nationally known for his "I Am a Fugitive from a Georgia Chain Gang" plea...

\$1,000,000 Grain Blaze In Chicago Fatal To Two

Christmas Peace Arranged by Pope

Vatican City, Rome, Dec. 23.—(AP)—Pope Pius XI obtained today a pledge of a Christmas 24-hour armistice on the Grand Chaco battlefield...

Granary Quickly Becomes Flaming Torch When Touched off by Explosion of Dust

FIREMEN HELPLESS TO CHECK FLAMES

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19 Dead In Blaze Tokyo Tenement

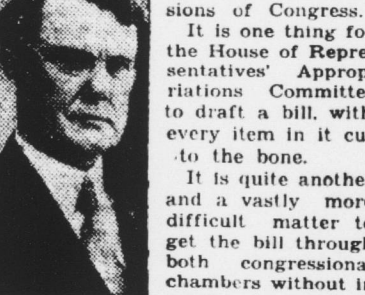
Tokyo, Dec. 23.—(AP)—Nineteen persons were dead, 18 injured and 32 still unaccounted for as police continued a search for bodies in the ruins of a fire which razed a tenement section today in the Fukagawa shom district of Tokyo.

McKellar Leader In Economy Fight

Tennessee Senator Thinks Budget Can Be Balanced by Big Savings

POST OFFICE EXAMPLE Would Lop off \$125,000,000 or More In Aviation and Ship Lines Subsidies for Carrying the Mails

By CHARLES P. STEWART. Washington, Dec. 23.—Senator Kenneth McKellar of Tennessee has made the fight for economy in government expenditures peculiarly his cause...



Under the U. S. constitution financial legislation, as we know, begins with the representatives. Their appropriations committee frames the measure making its annual allowance for the salaries and...

WILL ROGERS says:

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 23.—This technocracy thing, we don't know if it's a disease or a theory. It may go out as fast as Equimaux pies or miniature golf courses...

FRENCH PREMIER CALLS UPON EDGE TO DISCUSS DEBT

New Cabinet Head Asks Ambassador To Take Matter up With Washington Immediately

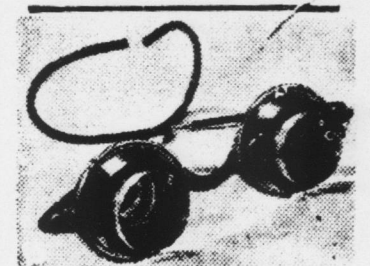
HOPE FOR SOLUTION OF WHOLE QUESTION

Paul-Boncour and His Aide Appear Suddenly and Unannounced at Embassy and Ask To See Ambassador; Conference Lasts For Full Half an Hour

Paris, Dec. 23.—(AP)—Premier Paul-Boncour suddenly and dramatically virtually launched debt negotiations with America today by personally calling upon United States Ambassador Edge at the embassy.

Senate Postpones Beer Until After New Year Recess

Helps Blind to See



Dr. William Feinbloom. A pair of telescopic magnifying glasses which provides vision to many who have heretofore been considered blind has been evolved by Dr. William Feinbloom of New York...

Effort To Obtain Immediate Consideration Defeated By 48 to 23 Vote of Senators

NOT TEST ON ISSUE BUT MERE ROUTINE

Norris Calls Judiciary Committee Meeting Monday To Consider Measure, But Predicts Bill Will Pass; However, Hoover May Not Sign It Then

Washington, Dec. 23.—(AP)—The Senate today adjourned until next Tuesday, foregoing the regular ten-day holiday recess.

Washington, Dec. 23.—(AP)—Senate action on beer was postponed until after the New Year today when it rejected a move to get immediate consideration for the rouse 32 percent measure.

Members of both parties joined in voting down 48 to 23 a motion by Senator Bingham, Connecticut Republican, and long-time beer advocate, to take up the question without committee consideration.

The vote was not considered by Senate leaders as a test on the issue, but to be merely a decision that the House bill must go through the usual routine study.

Chairman Norris has called a meeting of the judiciary committee for Monday to begin this procedure, but with a quorum at that time unlikely, action probably will go over until after the Christmas recess beginning today.

65 DEAD, 410 HURT IN AUTO ACCIDENTS

Figures For November Down, Possibly Due to Few Cars on Highway

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This slight decrease in the number of killed and injured in November as compared with November of last year may be due to weather conditions as well as to the decrease in the number of cars on the roads.

Millionaires Are Fewer During 1931 In United States

Washington, Dec. 23.—(AP)—The \$6,500,000,000 that 1931 took out of the income of Americans reduced to 75 the number of persons whose annual inflow of money passed the million dollar mark.

The peak of prosperity in 1929 saw 513 persons whose incomes ran over the seven figure mark and beyond. Of those still in the reduced million dollar income circle, only four were in the exclusive \$5,000,000 or more bulls' eye.

Two Tugs In Chicago River Forced To Quit Fight As Walls Threaten To Collapse—Several Injured in Addition to Those Losing Their Lives

Chicago, Dec. 23.—(AP)—Two men were burned to death and several others were injured today as a six-story elevator crammed with grain was destroyed by flames.

A dust explosion in the cupola, atop the structure, apparently touched off the granary and it became a flaming torch.

In less than an hour the blaze had swept from top to bottom, menacing nearby structures. One man was carried fatally burned from the elevator and another's body was thrown to a dock on the nearby Chicago river by an explosion.

Hoover Will Come South For Holiday

Washington, Dec. 23.—(AP)—President Hoover's fishing tackle has been oiled and packed and he is ready for a swift trip southward tonight to begin a slow drifting Christmas holiday fishing cruise off the Georgia and Florida coasts and into nearby rivers.

White House aides have withheld formal announcement, on the chance some event of great importance might arise to prevent it, but there appeared little possibility today that the projected cruise would be cancelled.

Transportation by train has been arranged as far as Savannah, Ga., with arrival there scheduled for 8:30 a. m. Saturday morning, after a 12-hour run. It is planned to place the President and Mrs. Hoover and members of their party aboard a virtual armada of sea-going craft now lying there, and set sail almost immediately for fishing grounds to the southward.

Charges Building Industry Supports The State Prison

Charlotte, Dec. 23.—(AP)—The weekly bulletin of the Carolinas Branch Associated General Contractors charges this week that thousands of taxpayers of the State of North Carolina are receiving more pay for their work than is paid "free" labor.

Saved From Pasquotank River Bogs

George Cowells, 18, Lost from Companion in Search of Christmas Tree

Elizabeth City, Dec. 23.—(AP)—George Cowells, 18, was found safe and exhausted in a tangled Pasquotank river swamp early today after rescuers had sought him since late yesterday.

Rescuers, lunging through waste water, heard the boy's dog bark and, following the sound, discovered Cowells about a mile from the place he had entered the swamp with a friend Charlie Griffin, to hunt for a Christmas tree.

Arriving at the swamp yesterday, Griffin cut a tree and waited for Cowells to go to an island for a hamper. Time passed. Griffin called and Cowells answered. Then a choppy wave was heard. Then silence.

Alarmed, Griffin notified Cowells' family, who were joined by the sheriff, police and mayor in search. Cowells said he became lost in attempting to find his way from the swamp.

WEATHER FOR NORTH CAROLINA. Increasing cloudiness, followed by rain Saturday, in west portion tonight; warmer tonight and Saturday.

HOOVER ASSERTION ABOUT ROOSEVELT SURPRISES LATTER

Definite Offer of Cooperation on War Debts Made By President-Elect, He Asserts

HOOVER STATEMENT WAS TO CONTRARY

Had Said Roosevelt Considered It Undesirable For Him "To Assent to My Suggestions for Cooperative Action;" Two Leaders Are Far Apart

Washington, Dec. 23.—(AP)—The exchange of views between President Hoover and Governor Roosevelt on fortnight action to meet international problems found them standing far apart today, not only on methods but on the question of cooperation as well.

Within a few hours after Mr. Hoover had said that his successor-elect "considers that it is undesirable for him to assent to my suggestions for cooperative action," the governor, in Albany, expressed regret and surprise at the statement, and asserted he had made a definite suggestion which he termed a "definite offer of cooperation."

DEFER ACTION ON RED CROSS COTTON

Washington, Dec. 23.—(AP)—Immediate action on a bill to authorize turning over 350,000 additional bales of Farm Board cotton to the Red Cross for distribution to the needy was prevented in the Senate today by several senators, who requested time to study the measure.

DEMOCRATS PERMIT FEW CONFIRMATIONS

Washington, Dec. 23.—(AP)—Democrats in the Senate relented today in their campaign against appointees of President Hoover and permitted confirmation of officers in the Army, Navy and Marine Corps for various promotions.

Special Deputies Shield Atlantans From Hold-Up Men

Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 23.—(AP)—Armed guards went on duty at five terminals of all trolley car lines in Atlanta today to protect passengers and operatives from bandits.

They are employed by the Georgia Power Company, operator of the street railway system, and have been given the authority of special deputy sheriffs.

Robbers Of Bank Taken With \$3,300

Charlotte, Dec. 23.—(AP)—Three men charged with robbing the Bank of Stanley, Gaston county, of \$3,300 last night, were captured and the money recovered by Mecklenburg county police near here today.

The officers engaged in a running pistol fight with the three before taking them in charge, but no one was shot.

The men gave their names as George Jones, Frank Williams and Jack Rogers.

Police said the Stanley bank vault was opened with the aid of an acetylene torch. They said they were trying to connect the trio with an attempt to rob a bank at Fountain December 16, which was frustrated by Policeman J. O. Bryan, who surprised the yeggs and was shot in the leg in a gun fight that followed.



OUR WEATHER MAN 1 SHOPPING DAY BEFORE CHRISTMAS