

State Senate And House In Very Brief Sessions Of Perfunctory Nature

Only 12 of 120 Members of House Attend and Hear Roosevelt Letter of Regret

FOURTEEN SENATORS IN UPPER CHAMBER

One Local Bill Passed and Three New Bills Offered, One to Prohibit Government Employment Of Architects Interested In Selling Materials Embrace Others

Raleigh, Jan. 21.—(AP)—The House held a three-minute session today, with 12 of its 120 members present. The opening prayer took nearly half of the time spent in meeting. Because it was overlooked yesterday, the House had to stay in session one minute longer than was thought necessary. It had to hear the letter of President-elect Roosevelt, in which he expressed regret he could not accept the Assembly's invitation to address it at this time. No bills were introduced or considered.

First motion to adjourn came two minutes and 12 seconds after the gavel calling the meeting to order had fallen.

Fourteen senators met for 18 minutes this morning as the upper division of the General Assembly held a perfunctory session. Their one accomplishment was the passage of a bill to allow Wilkes county filling stations to stay open from 10 o'clock until noon on Sundays.

The Senate got three new bills. Kirkpatrick, of Mecklenburg, proposed a law prohibiting government units from employing architects interested in the sale of building material. Land, of Iredell, sent forward a measure to make more specific the law relative to the sale of land of life tenants. Bailey, of Washington, had a local magistrates bill. The Senate meets again Monday night.

GEORGE MOORE DIES; WAS IRISH NOVELIST

London, Jan. 21.—(AP)—George Moore, the famous Irish novelist, died at 6 a. m. today. He would have been 81 years old next month. Moore died in his widely known home in Ebury street. He was in health had been failing, due to old age for some time.

Says Luxury Tax To Get 8 Millions

Hinsdale Revises His Estimates Upward of Revenue From New Bill

Raleigh, Jan. 21 (AP)—Senator John Hinsdale, of Wake, author of a "luxury tax" bill now before the General Assembly finance committee, said this afternoon that his measure would raise about \$8,000,000 to \$9,000,000 annually, instead of about \$4,800,000. Today he explained that the \$4,800,000 figure as intended to refer only to one section of the measure, with the entire bill expected to produce almost twice that much.

School Politicians Hit By Reorganization Plan

Instead of Abolishing Equalization Board, as School People Desired, Report Strengthens Powers of That Group of State Budget Commission

Daily Dispatch Bureau, In the Star-Writer Hotel, BY J. C. BASKERVILLE. Raleigh, Jan. 21.—The recommendation that the Board of Equalization not only be retained, but that its duties and jurisdiction be enlarged to include both high schools and county superintendents, came as a distinct blow to the school politicians who for the past two years have been bending every effort to secure its abolition and to have complete con-

Slip May Be Fatal



Admiral Viscount Saito

Because Admiral Viscount Makoto Saito, premier of Japan, stood up at the wrong moment during Emperor Hirohito's recent New Year's banquet in Tokio, he is reported to have offered his resignation. Although the resignation was not accepted, opposition parties in the diet are said to be ready to overthrow the ministry. The faux pas, therefore, which would be considered merely an inadvertent slip in any other country, may lead to the end of Premier Saito's political career, despite the fact he immediately apologized to the emperor who promptly forgot about it. The emperor had left his speech at home. Nobody knew why there was a strained silence. During the embarrassing interim, the premier stood up to see what was wrong.

MERGER MEASURES WILL BE PONDERED

Those Interested Will Be Given Opportunity for Full Hearing

Daily Dispatch Bureau, In the Star-Writer Hotel, BY J. C. BASKERVILLE. Raleigh, Jan. 21.—While eight bills carrying out the recommendations of the Joint Committee on Reorganization of the State Government are set as a special order in the Senate for the night of January 30, indications are that an attempt will be made in the meantime to refer the bills to either the finance or appropriations committee to permit the heads of the departments affected to present their side of the case.

While a motion by Senator Wayne, of Guilford, to refer the bills to committee was defeated in the Senate yesterday, Representative Cherry, of Gaston, who presented the reorganization committee's report to the House, assured representatives that the department heads would be given an opportunity to have their say before the bills containing the

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REORGANIZING PLAN PROVES BODY BLOW TO SOME OFFICIALS

Reports, However, Are That Rank and File of Tax-Payers Approve New Proposals

NO ESSENTIALS OF SERVICE DROPPED

Mergers With Other Departments Asked, But Without Increased Costs; State Treasurer's Duties Would Be Greatly Enlarged To Embrace Others

Daily Dispatch Bureau, In the Star-Writer Hotel, BY J. C. BASKERVILLE. Raleigh, Jan. 21.—The plans for the reorganization of the State government as proposed by the joint legislative committee on governmental reorganization, proved a body blow to a number of State department heads, especially some of the "divine right" elected State officials. But reports today from over the State indicate that these plans are being approved by the rank and file of the taxpayers and that they are expecting and demanding that the General Assembly eliminate every State department and agency not absolutely necessary. A saving of about 2,000,000 a year will result if these plans are carried out, the committee says. The virtually unanimous vote with which the report of the Committee on Governmental Reorganization was approved in both the House and Senate is regarded as indicating the eventual enactment of most of the legislation necessary to put the recommendations contained in the report into effect. At almost any other time the department heads and employes affected would probably be able to muster enough political strength to defeat the proposals. But with economic conditions and public opinion now arrayed almost solidly against them, indications are that they will be able to make very little resistance.

Long Over Due. "The steps recommended in the report of the committee should have been taken years ago, but previous general assemblies have lacked the nerve to buck the politically entrenched departments and divisions involved," is the opinion freely expressed here today. It is agreed that the present economic situation, coupled with the tempo of the public, generally demanding radical curtailment of governmental costs, are going to prove the most powerful influences in bringing about the changes recommended.

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Drastic Revision Of Glass Measure With Compromise

Washington, Jan. 21.—(AP)—Drastic revision of the Glass bank bill was voted today by the Senate in approving a compromise amendment on branch banking, limiting this practice to about nine states where it is permitted among State institutions. The vote ended a spirited fight by a small group of Democratic liberals. However, other contests were in the offing and the ultimate fate of the bill this session was in doubt. The vote for the compromise was 52 to 17.

TWO ARE DEAD BY TORNADO IN TEXAS

Paris, Texas, Jan. 21.—(AP)—At least two persons were killed last night when a tornado swept a patch 35 miles wide through northeast Texas. Some 19 others were reported injured.

WILL ROGERS says:

Beverly Hills, Cal. Jan. 21.—The number two President went with Huey Long and Herbert Hoover to Washington to confer with Hoover about firewood in the White House basement, and Long on International and Nations affairs. Every U. S. citizen is taxed \$77 a head. That's 10 more than last year. Every wage earner has been cut from 10 to 50 per cent, but the cost of being governed has taken a 12 1-2 per cent raise. Then you hear birds say: "All you need to restore prosperity is confidence." Yeah? Well, you will help restore prosperity if you put taxes in proportion to the benefits you receive for them, the same as any other commodity. Did you receive \$10 more profit for this year than last? Yours, WILL.

Shaw in Egypt



George Bernard Shaw, noted Irish author and playwright, is snapped at Luxor, Egypt, during his world cruise, which eventually will bring him to the United States for his first visit to the country he vowed he never would trouble to see.

DISPUTE ARISES ON CUTS IN EXPENSES

New Money Bill Reduced Over Five Million Under Budget Figures

HOOVER DISPUTES IT Says Democrats Have Actually Increased Amounts Instead of Cutting Them Under the Measure Now Reported

Washington, Jan. 21.—(AP)—A new money bill said to appropriate \$5,244,000 less than the budget asked was presented to the House today at the same time a dispute was in full swing between President Hoover and the Democratic leadership over reduction in Federal expenditures. The President said that House Democrats had not cut expenditures \$57,000,000 on the first five appropriation bills, as Chairman Byrnes, of the appropriations committee, claimed, but actually had increased them \$35,000,000. Byrnes' committee, using budget fig-

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Extradition Papers For Leas Ready

Buncombe Solicitor To Send Them to Governor If Leas Do Not Report

Asheville, Jan. 21.—(AP)—Solicitor Zeb V. Nettles said today he had already prepared requisition papers asking the return to this State of Luke Leas, Tennessee publisher, and his son, Luke Leas, Jr., and would send them to Governor Ehringhaus if the Leas do not surrender here when court opens Monday. "I will have them called when court opens," Nettles said. "If they do not surrender, I shall immediately forward the requisition papers to Governor Ehringhaus and ask the court to forfeit their bonds. The governor will send the requisition papers to Tennessee and it will be up to the governor and courts of that State to say whether or not they shall be surrendered."

WEATHER FOR NORTH CAROLINA.

Cloudy tonight and Sunday; probably showers Sunday in west portion; somewhat warmer on the coast and in extreme west portion tonight.

MACDONALD MAY HEAD BRITISH DEBT MISSION

Work At Muscle Shoals Promised By Roosevelt

Going To Treat It From National Standpoint, President-Elect Tells Alabama Crowd

MAKES INSPECTION OF GREAT PROJECT

Confident Congress Will Work With Him To "Get Something Practical Done" He Assures Sheffield Crowd; Norris and Other Leaders With Him

Sheffield, Ala., Jan. 21.—(AP)—Beginning an inspection of the gigantic Muscle Shoals, Ala., power and nitrate project President-elect Roosevelt told a crowd here today "I am confident Congress will work with me and we can get something practical done" to put "Muscle Shoals back on the map." Significance was attached to his statement that "we are going to treat Muscle Shoals from a national standpoint."

Senator Norris, of Nebraska, whom Mr. Roosevelt introduced to the crowd at the station here as "the father of Muscle Shoals," is preparing to push his bill for government operation next session. The President-elect also introduced Senator Dill, of Washington, power expert; Frank P. Walsh, New Yorker power advisor, and E. A. Scattergood, a leader in the power field in the southwest. Governor Miller introduced Mr. Roosevelt from the rear platform of the special train. After the speech the party left by automobile to inspect the project.

Kills Husband In Row After Party For Anniversary

Jacksonville, Fla., Jan. 21.—(AP)—An altercation that followed a wedding anniversary party at their apartment here today, resulted in the fatal shooting of H. W. Drane, 35, automobile company accountant, and the serious wounding of his wife, Florence, 22. Detectives said Mrs. Drane admitted shooting her husband three times in the chest and then firing a bullet into her side in an attempt to commit suicide. The shooting occurred shortly after the departure of guests from the anniversary party given by the Dranes. "He slapped me, and no man can do that and get away with it," police said Mrs. Drane told them. "I'm glad I did it."

Killing Premier Of Manchukuo by Bomb Is Reported

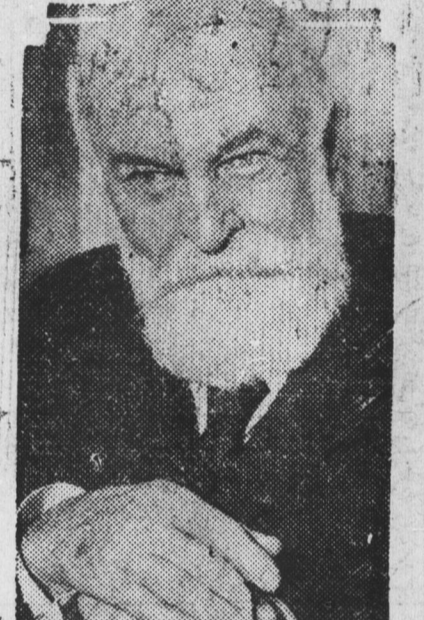
Shanghai, Jan. 21 (AP)—There were persistent rumors here today that Chang Hsia-Hsu, premier of Manchukuo, had been killed in a bombing at the Chang Chun railway station and that General Muto, supreme representative of Japan in Manchukuo, had been seriously injured. It was impossible to verify the reports immediately because of the Japanese censorship on press dispatches.

MONTAGUE NORMAN WEDS IN ENGLAND

Governor of Bank of England Married in Very Quiet Ceremony

London, Jan. 21.—(AP)—Great Britain's chancellor of mystery, picturesque Montagu Norman, governor of the Bank of England, sprang the latest surprise this morning when his marriage to Miss Priscilla Worstons followed within a few hours the announcement of their engagement. Just 17 minutes after the marriage could legally occur today, he arrived at the dingy Chelsea district registry office for the ceremony. While Mr. Norman rolled up quite openly in a salon car his fiancée's arrival was more secret. So was the disappearance of the bride and bridegroom after they were married. They slipped quietly out of a back door and vanished.

Notable Visitor



Dr. Adolph Lorenz, famous Viennese bloodless surgeon, pictured here as he arrived at New York on the S.S. Saturnia for an extended stay in the United States. The doctor was accompanied by his son and daughter-in-law.

ROBINSON DEFENDS DEBTS INVITATION

Democratic Leader Attacks Charges by G. O. P. Robinson, Indiana

Washington, Jan. 21.—(AP)—A statement by Senator Robinson, Republican, Indiana, that the Hoover-Roosevelt agreement to have debt discussions with Great Britain was a "usurpation of authority" was challenged in the Senate today by Democratic Leader Robinson, who called the Republican member's speech "cheap politics." Indiana Senator took the floor at the outset of today's session and asserted Congress by resolution had "closed the door" to further action looking to a reduction of the international debts. Defending the Hoover-Roosevelt cooperative step, Senator Robinson asserted that, while he was in sympathy with Congress' action, "certainly Congress can't foreclose the right of a President to discuss international questions or prevent a president from negotiating."

HUGH M. HUMPHRIES OF GOLDSBORO, DIES

Was Prominent Insurance Man, Former State Senator and Member of City Aldermen

Goldsboro Jan. 21.—(AP)—Hugh M. Humphreys, 57, insurance man and a former S. State senator, died here today of pneumonia, which developed after an operation for acute appendicitis. He was ill only a few days. Humphreys since 1920 has been State manager of the National Life Insurance Company, and represented the eighth Senatorial district in the General Assembly about ten years ago. He was several times a city alderman and was a member when he died. He was survived by his widow and two brothers. Funeral arrangements have not been completed.

Glass Bank Bill Outlined; Queer Combine Is Opposing Measure Aimed To Protect

By CHARLES P. STEWART. Washington, Jan. 21.—A novel purpose of the banking bill of Senator Carter Glass, of Virginia, is to take the risk out of banking from the customers' standpoint. The opposition to it is based on the claim that it will concentrate the banking business in few hands, suddenly transforming it into a production of chain retailing of certain facilities. Specifically, the plan permits national banks to operate branches within a 50-mile radius of their respective main establishments, provided branch banking is not prohibited under the laws of the states in which they would thus be situated.

ROOSEVELT WOULD WELCOME EXPERTS AFTER INAUGURAL

Invitation Emanates From Hoover-Roosevelt Conference at White House Friday

SOME CONFERENCE WAS LOOKED FOR

British Put Hint of Such Reservation In December Debt Payment Installment; Chamberlain, Runciman and Baldwin Mentioned as in the Group

London, Jan. 21.—(AP)—A trip by Prime Minister Ramsay MacDonald to the United States to discuss the way debt was seen as a possibility today as the result of the invitation emanating from the Roosevelt-Hoover conference at Washington.

The announcement that Mr. Roosevelt would welcome a British delegation early in March, or as soon as possible after he takes office, brought forth speculation by political observers that the prime minister might go himself. There was no official announcement on the British plan. When the British government made its December payment to the United States with the unilateral reservation that the \$95,500,000 should be credited to a future settlement, political observers immediately considered an

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WOODCOCK EXPLAINS SEARCH FOR ROBINS

Washington, Jan. 21.—(AP)—The explanation of Amos W. W. Woodcock, director of prohibition, or the search by his men for Raymond Robins, prominent prohibitionist, was that the Robins family had complained that "he had been kidnapped and was being held by bootleggers."

Trouble In Nicaragua Breaks Out

State of Siege Declared Almost Soon As United States Marines Leave

San Juan del Sur, Nicaragua, Jan. 21.—(AP)—The entire republic, with the exception of the four southwestern provinces, of Re Rivas, Granada, Massaya and Carazo, was placed under a state of siege today by decree of the senate.

United States Marines who had been stationed in Nicaragua for maintenance of order for several years, were withdrawn only last week after an orderly election in which Juan B. Sacasa became president. There have been reports recently of breaches of discipline in the Nicaraguan National Guard. Two weeks ago a number of officers of the guard were placed under arrest.

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