

15 States Hurry To Vote First On Dry Law's Repeal

Wyoming Far Out Ahead In Scramble, With Convention Bill Already Passed and Signed

42 LEGISLATURES ARE NOW MEETING

Anti-Saloon League Will Fight Any Attempt by Congress To Set Up Or Regulate State Conventions; Roosevelt Backs Movement for Repeal

Washington, Feb. 21.—Fifteen states spurred on by a desire to be first, today definitely had set out on the road toward repeal of the prohibition amendment a few hours after Congress put the question before them.

Franklin D. Roosevelt gave his encouragement with a few moments after the House had spoken, with a 15-vote margin, to let the people decide whether prohibition shall prevail as the law of the land after 13 years of trial and controversy.

Enough legislatures are in session now to set up the conventions necessary to strip all liquor legislation from the constitution, except that provided for in the new amendment—protection of dry states against importation of intoxicants.

Forty-two legislatures are now meeting, and two more—California

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Two Bound Over For Robbery of Aberdeen Bank

Carthage, Feb. 21.—(AP)—John Butler, of Fayetteville, who with J. T. Ewing, of Detroit, Mich., and Fayetteville, was bound over to superior court here yesterday on a charge of robbing the Page Trust Company of Aberdeen will be given a habeas corpus hearing before Judge W. A. Devin in Fayetteville tomorrow.

Butler and Ewing, are both being held in the Moore county jail here. At a preliminary hearing before Recorder George H. Humber yesterday they were ordered held for trial at the May term of court. Ewing's bond was fixed at \$5,000 and Butler's at \$1,500.

Attorneys for Butler announced they would seek his release on a habeas corpus writ on the ground that evidence introduced was not sufficient to warrant holding them.

Cermak Now Past Crisis, Doctor Says

Chicago Specialist Is Quick To Reach Conclusion on Seeing the Mayor

Miami, Fla., Feb. 21 (AP)—Dr. Karl Meyer, of Chicago stated today that Mayor Cermak has definitely passed the crisis attending his critical wounding during an attempt on the life of President-elect Roosevelt here last Wednesday night.

Dr. Meyer made his statement after a short visit to the hospital room of the Chicago Mayor.

"The wound in Mayor Cermak's right lung has healed and the lung has expanded to normal again," he stated, explaining that recession of a lung as has occurred in the case of Mayor Cermak, is usual whenever it is punctured but that such recession was regarded by physician in this case as unimportant.

Skirmishes By Japanese Begun In Jehol Province

Tokyo, Feb. 21.—(AP)—A Rengo (Japanese) News Agency dispatch from Chinchow today said Japanese troops occupied Naling early this morning and then took over Kaupyeing, eight miles further northwest, in Jehol province.

The dispatch added that the Japanese troops then continued in the di-

Zangara as a Soldier



Giuseppe Zangara

Here is a photo of Giuseppe Zangara, who attempted to assassinate President-elect Roosevelt, showing how the Italian bricklayer looked when he was a soldier in the Italian army.

AMBASSADOR FROM FRANCE CALLER AT ROOSEVELT'S HOME

Debts Presumably Discussed, But Leaves It to President-Elect To Make Statement

CANADA'S MINISTER IS ALSO A VISITOR

Not Disclosed Whether Representatives of Other Nations Would Call During Day; Roosevelt About Decided To Remain in New York Overnight

New York, Feb. 21.—(AP)—President-elect Roosevelt extended his conversations with foreign representatives today, conferring first with the French ambassador and then with the Canadian minister. Yesterday he conferred with the British ambassador.

William Duncan Herridge, the Canadian minister, reached the Roosevelt home just as Paul Claudel, the French ambassador, concluded a 45-minute conference with the president-elect.

Asked if the debts had been discussed, the ambassador spread his hands and said:

"We discussed many things, everything. Mr. Roosevelt has a nice com- munique for you."

The president-elect sent out word he would issue his statement at 4 p. m. It was not disclosed whether representatives of any other nations would be called in during the day.

The office staff insisted it knew of no other engagements, but Mr. Roosevelt had about cancelled plans to leave here tonight for Hyde Park.

Preparing for Cabinet Post



Miss Frances Perkins, industrial labor commissioner of New York State, is shown in Philadelphia with Dr. A. M. Northup, Secretary of Labor for Pennsylvania. Miss Perkins, who will probably be Secretary of Labor in President-elect Roosevelt's cabinet, is studying labor conditions in the Keystone State.

Legislative Committee Urged Not To Alter Law Against Liquor In State

Daniels, Poteat and Dozen Other Speakers Advise Against Changes Without First Having Referendum to People; Hearing Is Largely Attended

Raleigh, Feb. 21.—(AP)—No action was taken today by House Judiciary Committee No. 1 on several bills intended to modify or repeal the State's prohibition laws after a hearing at which dry leaders asserted that proposed changes would mean the return of the saloon and the "moral ruin" of North Carolina.

Josephus Daniels, Raleigh newspaper publisher, and a militant dry leader, urged the committee during the hearing to prepare the way for this legislature to call a convention to consider the prohibition repeal resolution passed by the national Congress yesterday.

Daniels and a dozen prohibitionists urged the committee not to consider modification on repeal of the Tur-

lington act and other dry statutes without submitting the question to a vote of the people, pointing out that a majority of 44,000 demanded that the State be dry in 1908.

Representative Brawley of Durham who presided at the committee meeting, in the absence of Chairman Moss announced that the next regular committee meeting would be held Thursday, but that it was likely a special meeting might be called before that time.

Dr. W. L. Poteat, president emeritus of Wake Forest College, and an outspoken champion of prohibition for years, opened the dry fight with an assertion that passage of the Murphy-Bowie bill to legalize and tax light wines and beer in the State would mean the return of the saloon.

Republicans Not Unit on Dictator

Washington, Feb. 21 (AP)—Representative Snell, the minority leader, announced today that House Republicans would take no organized position on the Democratic plan to give President-elect Roosevelt broad powers to reorganize the government.

The House had just convened an hour earlier than usual to work on the economy amendment to the Treasury-Post Office supply bill.

ARREST OF LEAS IS ASKED ABOUT

Clarksville, Tenn., Sheriff Advises Buncombe Sheriff He Can Act

Clarksville, Tenn., Feb. 21 (AP)—Sheriff W. E. Beaumont has advised North Carolina authorities that Colonel Luke Lea and Luke Lea, Jr., are in Clarksville, and asked if he should arrest them.

In his telegram to Sheriff Lawrence E. Brown, of Buncombe county, North Carolina, Beaumont also inquired if jail fees would be guaranteed in event he is requested to hold the Leas.

The publisher and his son whose extradition to North Carolina was ordered by Governor Hill McAllister two weeks ago, came to Clarksville Sunday from Jamestown, where they were in custody of Sheriff J. M. Peavyhouse, of Fentress county.

REPORT CONDEMNING JAPAN IS PRESENTED

Geneva, Feb. 21.—(AP)—The League of Nations report condemning Japan's Manchurian policy was presented this afternoon to the League Assembly, which then adjourned without discussion until Friday, when the report will be debated.

FOR NORTH CAROLINA. Fair tonight and Wednesday.

Repeal Bill Copies Sent All States

Stimson Speeds Prohibition Referendum to the 48 Governors of Union

Washington, Feb. 21.—(AP)—Copies of the resolution for the repeal of the prohibition amendment, together with covering letters, were sent to the 48 governors by Secretary Stimson early this afternoon.

The communications were sent by registered mail, and those which would not reach a governor in 24 hours by ordinary mail were air-mailed.

The letter of the secretary of state accompanying the certified copies of the resolution, said:

"It is requested that you cause this joint resolution to be submitted to a convention in your state for such action as may be had, and that a certified copy of such action be communicated to the secretary of state as required by Section 163, Title 5, U. S. Code."

81 Dead In Explosions Shanghai

Shanghai, Feb. 21.—(AP)—Eighty-one persons were killed, 120 were injured and ten were missing today after an explosion in two gasoline vulcanizers in a Chinese rubber factory in east Shanghai.

Of the 120 injured, 50 were taken to hospitals, while the remainder escaped with only slight injuries.

These figures appeared to be the total toll of the blast as rescuers virtually completed a search of the ruins. Police had believed earlier that the death toll might reach 200.

Of the known dead, 79 were girls and two men.

\$939,301 CUT IN SALARIES AND OTHER STATE EXPENSES ASKED IN COMMITTEE REPORT

Final Choice On Sales Tax To Go To Full Legislature

Sub-Committee Passed Buck to Joint Committee, Which in Turn Will Let Assembly Itself Decide; General Sales or Luxury Tax Considered Certain

Daily Dispatch Bureau, In the Sir Walter Hotel, BY J. C. BASKERVILLE.

Raleigh, Feb. 21.—The finance sub-committee has passed the buck as to what kind of sales tax the State shall have, if any, on to the joint finance committees, which in turn are expected to pass it on to the General Assembly. For without recommending the adoption of either, the sub-committee has brought out its new revenue bill containing two optional sales tax sections one a general sales tax of two per cent on retail sales, estimated to yield \$6,000,000 a year, and a second "selected commodity" or so-called "luxury tax" plan, estimated to yield about the same amount. The committee estimates that its new

revenue bill will yield, with either sales tax, approximately \$25,000,000 a year.

The committee stated in its report that after careful study and consideration that it became "convinced" that the "budget as outlined at present cannot be balanced without new sales taxes if the General Assembly is to avoid levies on productive business that would be confiscatory or dangerously discouraging to industry set up in the State, but which may be regarded as mobile."

Only Alternative. This means that the committee was convinced that a sales tax is the only

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Glass Content To Remain In Senate

Washington, Feb. 21.—(AP)—Senator Glass, Democrat, Virginia, when asked today about reports that he had declined appointment as secretary of the treasury, said: "I'm entirely content to remain in the Senate."

"I have not changed my mind," Glass added. "My decision has always been final."

The Virginian, in general mood at a banking committee hearing, advised colleagues who joked with him about various published reports concerning the secretaryship to "never believe anything you see in the papers unless in mine."

8-MONTHS SCHOOL NOW LOOKED UPON AS BEING CERTAIN

One of Greatest Arguments for It Is Saving in Local County Tax Assessments

ANOTHER IS SAVING OF EXTENDED TERM

Fear Many Counties Will Revert to Six Months School Unless State Helps; That Would be Inadequate Preparation for Children's Schooling

Daily Dispatch Bureau, In the Sir Walter Hotel, BY J. C. BASKERVILLE.

Raleigh, Feb. 21.—Though none of the various school bills have yet been reported out by the joint committee on education, the opinion is stronger than ever that an eight months school term supported entirely from State funds will eventually be set up.

The budget will be greatly curtailed, however, so that the eight months term will receive about the same amount of support from the State that the six months term is now getting, or about \$17,000,000 a year. In addition to this, the schools will get the benefit of about \$1,000,000 a year in poll and dog taxes, fines and forfeitures, so that if the general assembly appropriates \$17,000,000 a year for the eight months term, a total of from \$18,000,000 to \$18,500,000 a year will be available for its maintenance which is about the same amount that has been going into the six months school.

Want Larger Appropriation. There is no indication that the efforts of the school lobbyists, textbook

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ALL OFFICERS AND WORKERS AFFECTED BY SWEEPING CUTS

Highway Commission Not Singled Out, But Nearly \$600,000 Would Be Trimmed There

HUGE SAVINGS FOR YEAR ARE SOUGHT

Treasurer Charles M. Johnson and Budgeteer Henry Burke at \$6,000 Would Not Be Hit by Scaling of Pay; Many Eliminations Are Suggested

Raleigh, Feb. 21.—(AP)—Salary reductions of 15 percent or more for all State employees in departments, commissions and bureaus, together with eliminations and consolidations which would save \$939,301.59 annually were recommended to the General Assembly today by its special committee on salaries and fees.

The committee's report covered every State officer in Raleigh and a flat 15 percent cut additional for every State employee except those in the highway commission was recommended.

It was suggested that the pay roll of the highway department be reduced an aggregate of \$17,031 annually, with eliminations and consolidations in the commission saving an additional \$398,750 yearly.

It was found that the present scope of the committee's authority covered State salaries aggregating \$1,669,918 annually in State offices and \$5,496,389.44 in the highway department.

The 15 percent cut would save \$250,000.

Winston Has Fire Damage Of \$300,000

B. F. Huntley Furniture Plant Is Destroyed by Early Morning Blaze

Winston-Salem, Feb. 21 (AP)—The B. F. Huntley Furniture Company's \$300,000 plant was destroyed by fire early today. The company is a subsidiary of the Simmons Bed Company.

The flames were discovered by a night watchman shortly before he was to go off duty but the fire had gained great headway and roared through the wooden building without being halted.

A row of storage tanks filled with gasoline was threatened by the flames and firemen devoted much of their time to saving these.

Prohibition Gets Center Of Stage In Legislature

House Approves Tax Penalty After Tax Sale; Marriage Examinations Goes Back To House; New Bill Would Create State Department of Justice

Raleigh, Feb. 21.—(AP)—Prohibition held the center of the stage for the North Carolina General Assembly today, while the House passed a bill to allow re-financing of tax sales certificates and the Senate acted on drivers' and marriage license proposals.

Both divisions of the General Assembly received a special report from a sub-committee on salaries and fees which recommended pay cuts of 15 percent or more for all State officers and employees and eliminations and consolidations estimated to save \$939,301.59 annually.

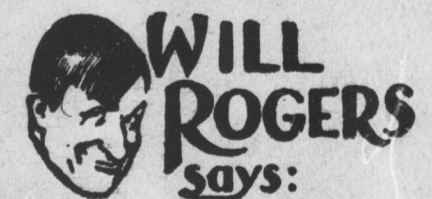
Hundreds of person jammed the hall of the House of Representatives to capacity before the formal legislative session as dry leaders of the State urged House Judiciary Commit-

tee No. 1 not to consider changing the State's prohibition laws without submitting the question to a vote of the people.

The committee took no action on the proposals now before it, which include legalization for tax purposes of beer and wine without a referendum; submission of the question to the voters; repeal of the Turlington dry act and legalization of medicinal whiskey.

The House approved a committee substitute tax penalty bill which abolishes penalties up to the date of tax sales and allows counties and municipalities to arrange for redemption of land sold for taxes during a five-year period with interest on tax

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WILL ROGERS says:

Beverly Hills, Cal., Feb. 21.—Remember my old rich "Injun" that I was telling you about the government wanting him to get a divorce because he lived in Hollywood? Well, they pulled one better than that the other day. They tried to prove that he wasn't in his right mind because one time when his car stalled and they couldn't get it going, he traded it for an old pony, got on him and rode off. And they call that crazy! If everybody did that, they would be out of debt in a couple of years. Just think—no gas, no tires, no roads to pay for. Why, instead of prosecuting the old Indian, they ought to erect a monument to him for being that far ahead of his time.