

Jap Delegates At Geneva Walk Out

Budget Can't Be Balanced Unless Sales Tax Adopted, Finance Committee Agrees

MEANTIME APPEALS AGAINST THAT TAX REACH LEGISLATURE

Protests Also Filed Against Changes in Prohibition Laws of North Carolina

TAX PENALTY BILL PASSES IN SENATE

Would Lighten Burden Accumulated Last Five Years—Solicitors' Salaries Fixed at \$3,900; Marriage Licenses Still Be Argued in the House

Raleigh, Feb. 24.—(AP)—The general assembly's two finance committees today voted 20 to 10 that it is the sense of the group that the State's budget cannot be balanced without levying some form of sales tax.

It is the sense of this committee that it could find no practical and feasible means of balancing the budget without imposing some form of sales tax.

The committee refused this morning to revise its position taken a month ago that revenue from some source other than ad valorem taxation must be found to replace the 15 cents levy on and for school purposes.

The lower division of the General Assembly was tied up for more than an hour during consideration of its local bills calendar when Representa-

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Committee Deadlocks On Schools

Length of Term and Form of Sales Tax Form Basis of The Cleavage

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

Raleigh, Feb. 24.—The joint finance committee is deadlocked over the question of an eight months school term and indications are that the committee will have some difficulty in making progress toward drafting a new revenue bill until it gets some inkling of how the General Assembly is stacked up on the question. The MacLean eight months' school bill is

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Reorganization Committee Nearing Goal Of Economy

Amount of Savings Not Certain, But Will Be Very Considerable; Abolition of Corporation Commission and Highway-Prison Merger Chief Bills

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Raleigh, Feb. 24.—After several setbacks that seemed for a time to threaten the whole structure of its program, Senator Larry Moore's joint reorganization committee is now within reach of its goal by which it announced in the beginning would bring about a saving of \$2,000,000 annually in operating costs of the State government.

Since its far-reaching recommendations were first presented to the General Assembly, the committee has travelled a rocky road. At times it has seemed that some of its major

Two More Cabinet Jobs Filled



George Dern, Utah, Secretary of War



Claude A. Swanson, Virginia, Secretary of the Navy

Death Of Cermak Is Expected

Has Little Chance, Son-In-Law Says; Family Leaves His Room In Tears

Miami, Fla., Feb. 24.—(AP)—Dr. Frank Jirka, son-in-law of Mayor Anton Cermak of Chicago, said today he considered the Mayor, wounded by an assassin's bullet, had little chance to live, but Dr. Frederick Tice, Chicago, heart specialist, said:

"Human life is so complicated to place it on a valuation of chances on the one side against chances on the other. There are too many factors to be considered."

Dr. Jirka's statement was made after members of the mayor's family had visited him at the hospital.

The family left the room in tears after a brief stay. Dr. Tice said preparations were started at 11:45 a. m. to administer another intravenous injection of glucose, a food substance being pumped into the veins in an attempt to aid vitality.

WEATHER

FOE NORTH CAROLINA. Partly cloudy, probably followed by rain in extreme west portion, beginning late tonight or Saturday; rising temperature tonight.

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Jones Had Plans To Escape Chair

Raleigh, Feb. 24.—(AP)—Jake (Sunshine) Jones, whose sentence of electrocution for murder was yesterday commuted to life imprisonment, planned one last desperate effort to escape if he was taken from the cell to go to the death chamber.

Prison officials revealed today that the youthful Negro had fashioned a crude black ink from clothing and a rock dislodged from the roof of his death row cell, and planned to attack guards who were to lead him to the chair.

Jones was to have been electrocuted today.

STRANGE DEATH IN AIRPLANE STUDIED

Falls With One Man Dead and Student Suicides After Alighting

San Antonio, Texas, Feb. 24.—(AP)—An airplane spiraled to the ground, its pilot dead, from the rear cockpit a man leaped, ran a few yards, took a pistol on himself and fired into his temple.

With these asserted facts, authorities today continued their probe of the death of Lehman Nelson, 33, pilot, and Erin McCall, 20, student flier, late yesterday.

An examination by police and physicians showed Nelson had been shot in the back of the head. McCall was dead when those who witnessed the plane's erratic landing reaching him.

New Banks In Detroit Discussed

Detroit, Mich., Feb. 24.—(AP)—Organization of two new banks to take over the liquid assets of the First National Bank and the Guardian National Bank of Commerce, the two largest in Detroit, awaits the approval of the comptroller of the currency in Washington.

The plan, which has the tentative approval of the Treasury Department, is designed to make available at once 50 percent of all deposits and is seen as a short cut to solution of the financial problems which caused Governor William A. Comstock to issue a bank holiday proclamation on February 14.

As the plan is explained, the new institution would have not only the liquid assets of the old bank, but from \$10,000,000 to \$20,000,000 contributed to the capitalization by large depositors.

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY MAY HAVE TO ACT ON BEER AND WINE

Tendency To Await Congressional Enactment of Referendum Machinery May Be Futile

VOTE OF PEOPLE IS FAVORED BY GROUP

Four Measures Have Been Offered for Repeal or Modification of State's Prohibition Statutes; In Either Event, Speed Is What Many Want

Daily Dispatch Bureau, In the Sir Walter Hotel, BY HENRY LESLIE.

Raleigh, Feb. 24.—What, if anything the present legislature will do toward repealing or modifying the State's dry laws, is very much in doubt right now. When Congress passed the Blaine resolution on the other day, referring the question to State conventions, it was generally accepted that it would solve the North Carolina legislature's problem by permitting that body to submit the issue to the people for an early decision. Now, however, it appears that unless Congress goes a step further and sets up some kind of machinery for the calling of State conventions, Tar Heels will have to wait a mighty long time to decide the issue for themselves.

The better prevailed in many quarters only a few days ago that passage of the Blaine repealer would permit the legislature, if it so desired, to set up the machinery for a State convention right away, and that in view of this, pending bills proposing repeal or modification of this State's dry laws could be scrapped pending an expression of the voters. Many members of the assembly undoubtedly would have welcomed such a way out, as they are still a little doubtful of which way the wind is blowing in North Carolina, and would rather place the responsibility of any change in the law on the people themselves.

Long, Rocky Road However, unless Congress sets up some sort of special machinery for the states to call conventions—a plan that is still considered a possibility—the question of whether North Carolina shall call a State convention cannot be decided until the next general election in November, 1934. Thus, the legislature first will have to vote to submit the call to the people in the next election, and then the people will have to decide whether or not they want to have a convention. And then, finally, they will have to decide whether or not they want prohibition.

All this will take a long time, unless some other way is found of bringing about an earlier expression of sentiment by the voters. Some of the wet leaders in the General Assembly are willing for their repeal or modification bills to be submitted to the people when and if the general issue is submitted, but the wet bloc is not unanimously favorable to this view. Some of them still hold that North Carolina expressed its sentiment in the senatorial contest last summer, and that the legislature should act without submitting the bills now before it to a referendum or State convention.

Four Measures Offered There have been four repeal or modification bills introduced at this session of the legislature. The most drastic is, of course, the Cover bill

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WILL ROGERS SAYS:

Beverly Hills, Calif., Feb. 24.—Say, that list of new cabinet members sent every morning scurrying through Who's Who, World Almanac, and the U. S. Fingerprint department, trying to find out who they were.

The forgotten man has been found, and there was nine of 'em and a woman.

So we open March fourth with the "Unknown Cabinet." The rogues' gallery photographs show us that three of 'em escaped from the Senate. That's like going to the old man's home to get an athlete.

But I believe they are going to be all right. They all get their reputations to make, which is better than feeling that they have one already made.

Yours, WILL.

Farm Board Head Resigns



JAMES STONE

MORTGAGE RELIEF FOR FARM ARGUED IN SENATE SITTING

Substitute for Sweeping Bankruptcy Measure Passed by House Is Taken up There

BANK RESTRICTIONS MEASURE IS ARGUED

Approved by House Committee After Testimony by Secretary Mills; Further Revelations Had in National City Bank Inquiry in the Senate

Washington, Feb. 24.—(AP)—The big task of providing relief from the mortgage burden to the country's farmers faced the Senate today as it took up a substitute for the sweeping bankruptcy measure passed by the House.

The Senate measure is the Hastings-Robinson bill to provide that farm debts be scaled down by agreement between debtor and creditor through the aid of Federally-sponsored conciliation commissions. Senator Hastings, Republican, Delaware, immediately served notice he would seek to make it apply to corporations and railroads also.

The House started debating the case of Federal Judge Harold Lauerback, of California. After investigating his conduct in bankruptcy cases, a majority of the House Judiciary Committee recommended that he be censured or discharged if he had shown toward the interests of those affected. A minority asked his impeachment and a vote on this subject was sought.

Secretary Mills was called before the House Banking Committee to testify in secret on the resolution of Senator Couzens, Republican, Michigan, which would give comptroller of the currency power to apply to national banks the same deposit restrictions as imposed on the State banks of each

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Repeal Bill Received By Ehringhaus

Governor Undecided When Prohibition Measure Will Be Given Assembly

Raleigh, Feb. 24 (AP)—Governor J. C. B. Ehringhaus today laid on one corner of his desk the notification of the secretary of state of the United States to North Carolina that Congress has voted to submit repeal of the eighteenth amendment to the states.

"I've just laid this over here on my desk to think about what I'll do with it," Ehringhaus said. The governor said he expected to notify the legislature of the receipt of the Blaine resolution passed by Congress, but added he didn't know when he would do so, nor whether he would send any recommendations along with his message.

Great Offensive In Manchuria Is Begun By Japan



In Jehol Invasion

General Chang Hai-Peng, Chinese commander of the Manchukuo troops fighting on the Japanese side in the Jehol invasion, who is believed to be the choice of the Nippon Government to rule the threatened province should he succeed in capturing it. The present Governor of Jehol, Tang Yu-Lin, recently announced he would fight to the death any attempt to oust him.

JEFFRESS' FATE IS SPECULATED UPON

Highway - Prison Merger May Result in His Ousting from Office

HE HAS MANY ENEMIES

Many Bills Involving Highway Commission Believed Aimed at Him; Fountain Men Still Resent His Opposition

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Raleigh, Feb. 24.—Although the bill consolidating the State Highway Commission and the State Prison into a single department has passed only the Senate and still has to be acted upon in the House, speculation has already started as to whether or not Chairman E. B. Jeffress of the present highway commission will get the axe in the highway-prison shuffle. The new bill provides that an entirely new board or commission of six members and a chairman be named to head the new consolidated State Highway and Public Works Commission and a good many believe that as a result a new chairman as well as a new board may be named.

The name being most frequently mentioned here today as a possible choice for chairman of the new commission, if Jeffress is displaced, is Senator Carl Bailey, of Washington. Beaufort county. No particular reason is being given as to why Senator Bailey should be considered for the post, other than that he supported the consolidation bill sponsored by his colleague, Senator A. D. MacLean and the other members of the committee on reorganization. But there is no doubt of the fact that Senator Bailey's name is being mentioned in connection with the post.

Backed by Ehringhaus, Governor J. C. B. Ehringhaus, of course, is continuing to be about as communicative as an oyster about his prospective appointments and it is doubted if any one has any idea what he has in mind. It is known, of course

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Service Station Operator Kills Wife, Then Suicides

Asheville, Feb. 24.—(AP)—Clarence McDowell, 48-year-old filling station operator at Skyland, near here, climaxed an argument with his wife at their home today by shooting her to death and then committing suicide.

The shooting came a few minutes after the wife, Mrs. Patricia McDowell, 40, started to leave the home. A daughter, Evelyn, 18, said she was in the rear of the house and heard her parents arguing. She said her father insisted that Mrs. McDowell not

leave the house, and that her mother appeared equally determined to leave. Then, the girl said, she heard McDowell say:

LEAGUE CONDEMNS JAPANESE POLICIES

Assembly Session Adjourns Without Expression of Regret at Retirement of Japs, Who Promise Cooperation Otherwise; No Move for Withdrawal

Geneva, Feb. 24.—(AP)—The Japanese delegation walked out of the Assembly of the League of Nations today after adoption of the report condemning Japanese policy in Manchuria and urging continued non-recognition of the Japanese-sponsored state of Manchukuo.

The delegation announced that it can no longer cooperate with the League on the Sino-Japanese question. Siam alone abstained from voting. Forty-two voted yes.

The absentees were Cuba, Salvador, Nicaragua, Peru, Bolivia, Paraguay and Chile.

Yoshie Matsuoka, head of the Japanese delegation, told the Assembly, however, that Japan would cooperate with the League as far as circumstances permitted.

When the Japanese delegation walked out, Paul Hymans, of Belgium, the chairman without any expression of regret, said the Assembly would reconvene at 5 p. m. today. He then dismissed it.

While the situation was left somewhat confused, it was clear that for the present Japan has not withdrawn from the League.

Neither did M. Matsuoka assert that Japan would withdraw from the League.

DRIVE AIMED AT SEIZING JEHOI FROM THE CHINESE

(By the Associated Press.) Advancing from the north across

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Disorders Growing In Cuban Area

Series of Bombings Followed by Report of Railroad Bridge Blown Up

Havana, Cuba, Feb. 24.—(AP)—A series of bombings early this morning on the 38th anniversary of Cuba's independence was climaxed shortly before noon when a railroad bridge in Camaguey province was blown up with dynamite.

Eight bombs were exploded in Havana within two hours after midnight.

Meanwhile, the capital was scanning reports anxiously to determine whether a rumored revolutionary movement was taking form. Mexico City dispatches recently predicted that a movement of rebels from the mainland toward Cuba would coincide with bombings in Havana.

Three of the bombs which exploded early today were large ones, while the other five, which were smaller, caused several hundred persons to desert the ball room at the Centro Asturino.

She said she heard her mother scream. Immediately afterwards three shots rang out and then a fourth. The daughter said she ran to the front of the home and found the bodies of her parents in the front yard. Husband and wife were dead and McDowell still clutched a pistol in his hand.