

## SENATOR WALSH DIES SUDDENLY NEAR WILSON

### State Maintenance Of City Streets Defeated

### Highways Merger Strikes Snag On Reaching Senate

Upper House Refuses To Concur In Proposal To Spend \$400,000 For More Prison Farms

#### HOUSE PASSES BILL FOR THE STATE BAR

Druggists and Doctors Oppose Medicinal Liquor, but Bill Is Favorably Reported; \$83,000,000 Appropriation Bill, Though Ready, Is Not Reported

Raleigh, March 2.—(AP)—A proposal that North Carolina maintain city streets used as connecting links in the State highway system was voted down 52 to 41 in the House today as the General Assembly plugged ahead on private calendars.

Although an \$83,000,000 appropriation bill was completed in committee yesterday, the money spending bill for the 1933-35 biennium was not reported on the floor.

The bill materially increases budget bureau recommendations and is expected to create a fight when it reaches the floor of the House, where it first will be considered.

Reorganization of the Department of Agriculture was sought in a bill introduced by Representative Cox, of Forsyth; Fronberger, of Gaston; and Makpeace, of Lee, who would place under it all farm experiment and extension divisions of the State.

Liquor Bill Opposed. Despite opposition from druggists and physicians of the State, a House judiciary committee voted a favorable report on the Murphy bill to legalize medicinal whiskey in North Carolina. It once was approved, but was referred for a hearing, which was held this morning.

Bar Bill Passed. Incorporating the State Bar Association was favored by the House, in sending to the Senate a bill to give the organization power to license and disbar attorneys.

Representative Grant, of New Han-

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### Senate Will Battle Over School Term

### MacLean Still Pulling for 8 Months; Gwynn To Oppose The Extension

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

Raleigh, March 2.—While the House is known to be divided on the eight months' school question, the opposition to an eight months term, supported by some form of sales tax, is beginning to grow in the Senate, which heretofore has been considered to look upon these twin bugaboos as inevitable.

Consequently, Senator A. D. MacLean, father of the 1931 six months school law, and who has been fighting for State-supported schools since he first came to the General Assembly in 1927, is now on the defensive for the first time this year as the battle lines are being drawn in the upper house for a battle over his eight months' bill.

The Senate Finance Committee recently voted overwhelmingly to draft a revenue bill on the basis of an eight months term and a sales tax, and a few weeks ago it was generally assumed that both of these would be acceptable to the Senate. However,

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### WEATHER FOR NORTH CAROLINA.

Generally fair tonight and Friday; little change in temperature.

#### May Head Ford Bank



John Ballantyne

One of the oldest bankers in Detroit, John Ballantyne, has been prominently mentioned as the head of the new People's National bank which is being financed by Henry Ford. The People's National will replace the First National, one of the two largest in the state. Ballantyne retired last May when he resigned as president of the Detroit Bankers' company.

### ROAD-PRISON BILL GOVERNOR TRIUMPH

#### Merger Measure Openly Advocated by Ehringhaus As Major Reform

#### WORKED HARD FOR IT

Frequent Conferences Had With Leaders, With Whom He Argued Economy Rather Than Politics and Won Out

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

Raleigh, March 2.—With the bill consolidating the State Highway Commission and State Prison into a new State Highway and Public Works Commission passed by both houses and awaiting only Senate approval of several House amendments to become law, Governor J. C. B. Ehringhaus has scored his first major victory in the present General Assembly, it is agreed here. The enactment of this bill with very little opposition in either house is interpreted as indicating that the governor has a great deal more influence in both houses of the assembly than many thought at first, and that when he does take a hand

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### Rainey Seems Certain Of Being Next House Speaker

Washington, March 2.—(AP)—Before the day is out of the name of Rainey, of Illinois, will in all probability be joined to the list of speakers of the House of Representatives after Cannon, Clark, Gillett, Longworth and Garner.

Eventualities may change the prospect, but out of a swirl of events at the Capitol today emerged indications

### FOREST FIRES IN MANY COUNTIES IN STATE REPORTED

Baptist and Presbyterian Assembly Buildings Are Threatened Near Black Mountain

#### GREAT SMOKY PARK BLAZE THREATENING

Forests Burning Also In Harnett and Cumberland Counties and Further East in Bertie; Caldwell County Fire Is Causing Some Concern There

Raleigh, March 2.—(AP)—Forest fires were raging in a number of North Carolina counties today, Charles H. Flory, assistant State forester in charge of fire control, reported here.

Fire fighters, Flory said, were battling desperately Wednesday night to bring under control flames in the vicinity of Ridgecrest and Black Mountain, which were reported as threatening the Baptist and Presbyterian Assembly buildings. Although they had checked the flames they were not entirely under control, he added.

Three other fires were also reported to Flory as burning in Buncombe county. Fire fighters in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park area were handling a fire in Haywood county, and another threatening fire in Henderson county was being handled, he said.

Difficulty was being experienced in controlling a fire in the north end of Caldwell county, but State forces reported they expected to have the flames checked today.

Fanned by high winds, several fires in Cumberland and Harnett counties in the east were testing the efforts of the wardens. Fire crews were reported to have checked an outbreak in Bertie county confining it to an area of about 40 acres.

#### COTTON MART IDLE FOR NEW ORLEANS

New Orleans, La., March 2.—(AP)—Owing to the three-day bank holiday declared in Louisiana by Governor O. K. Allen, the board of directors of the New Orleans Cotton Exchange today ordered suspension of trading for a similar period.

### MITCHELL OUSTED BY CONSERVATIVES

#### Admissions of Banker To Senate Committee Fretted Standpatters

By CHARLES P. STEWART, Central Press Staff Writer

Washington, March 2.—If Charles E. Mitchell, retiring chairman of the National City Bank of New York, expected plutocracy to glory in his rude treatment of the senate's stock market investigators recently, he was at least partly mistaken.

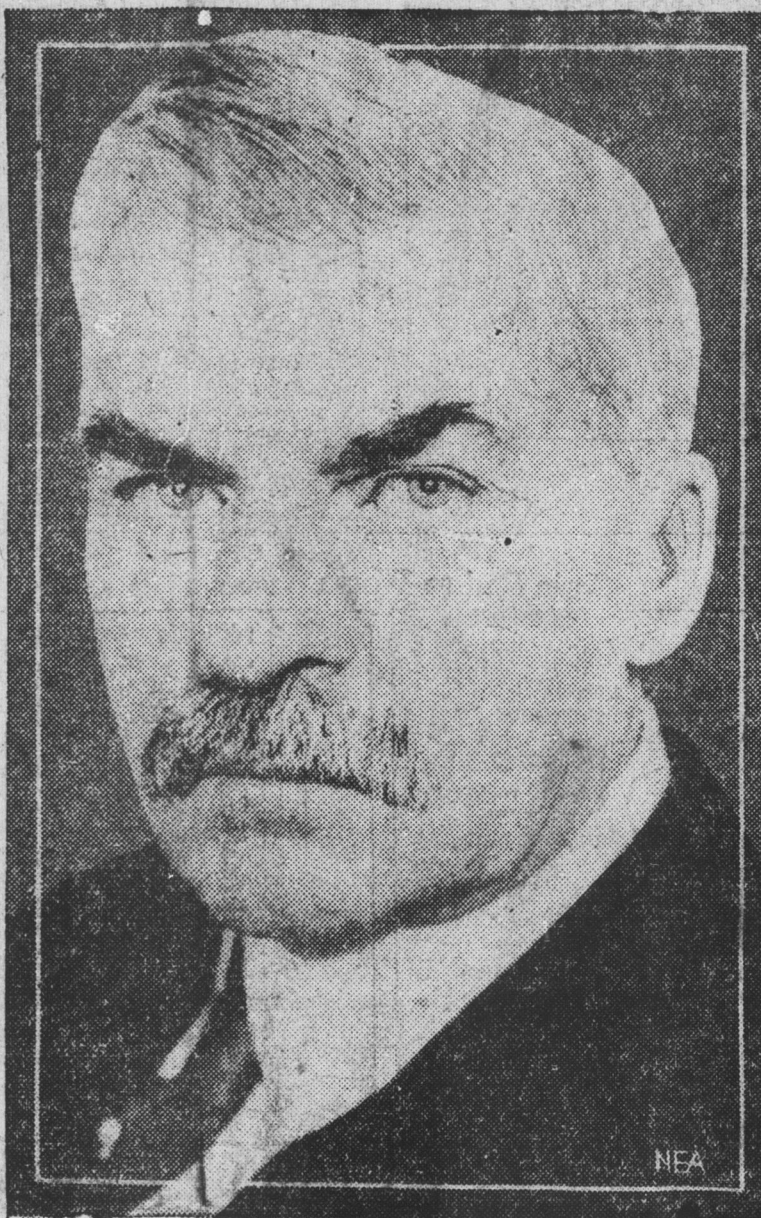
Capital hill comment indicates that he fretted the conservatives rather than the radicals.

And that is the reason they brought sufficient pressure to cause his resignation as bank chairman.

Illustratively, there was the incident which began with Mitchell's account

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#### Roosevelt Cabinet Member Dies



U. S. SENATOR THOMAS J. WALSH

### Japanese Sweep Through Lingyuan While Chinese Retreat Raggedly West

#### Troops Now Less Than 75 Miles from Jehol City, Capital of Province and Main Objective of Jap Forces; Chinese Morale Shaken By Defeats

Lingyuan, Jehol, China, March 2.—(AP)—Major General Tadashi Kawahara, commanding the 16th Japanese infantry, swept through this city this morning on the heels of the retreating Chinese and marched on toward Jehol City.

At 4 p. m., he occupied the town of Sutaoling and two hours later his troops passed through Pekung, 25 miles northeast of Pingchuan and less than 75 miles from the Jehol capital.

A Rengo (Japanese) News Agency dispatch from Lingyuan today said

that the vanguard of the 16th Infantry brigade commanded by Major General Tadashi Kawahara had occupied Sutaoling, which is between Lingyuan and Tinghsuan in Jehol Province.

#### CHINESE ARE RETREATING RAGGEDLY TO WESTWARD

Chiuchow, Manchuria, March 2 (AP)—Whether the Chinese defense of Jehol already was collapsing or has not begun to fight was the question in the minds of the Japanese command today as their war machine checked its headlong advance on the Chihfeng-Lingyuan line, with the capital, Jehol City, less than 100 miles away.

Air scouts reported upwards of 30,000 Chinese were retreating raggedly westward on the Lingyuan-Pingchuan road "like a huge snake."

Japanese doubt if their morale, shaken by the defeats and defections of the past week, would permit them to reorganize to fight for Pingchuan and Jehol City, the only important towns in the province still in their possession.

#### WILL ROGERS SAYS:

Beverly Hills, Calif., March 2.—Hear the inauguration is to be put off three weeks on account of the budget.

Every time Detroit outgrows Henry Ford, he has to go in and save 'em again. He is going to have a bank where you can leave your money and come back and find it before the banker does.

Al Smith told exactly what his ideas were on every important question. No wonder he can't be elected. Imagine a man in public office that everybody knew where he stood.

We wouldn't call him a statesman—we would call him a curiosity.

Yours, WILL.

### Was En Route To Washington With Bride Of 4 Days

#### Goes To Senate



Harry F. Byrd

Former Governor Harry F. Byrd, of Virginia, was yesterday appointed by Governor John Garland Pollard, his successor in office, as United States Senator from that State to succeed Senator Claude A. Swanson, who has been appointed secretary of the navy in the Roosevelt cabinet.

### \$200,000,000 CUT IN COSTS PLANNED

#### Garner Says Democrats Are Ready To Make Huge Slash Coming Year

#### PROGRAM WORKED OUT, Already Devised by Roosevelt's Advisors; Would Trim Salaries and Compensation for Veterans, He Says

Washington, March 2.—(AP)—A program devised to cut up to \$200,000,000 off government costs next year was said today by Speaker Garner to have been completed by advisors to President-elect Roosevelt.

Meanwhile, the Treasury statement showing the government completed eight months of the current fiscal year with a deficit of \$1,360,279,739. One of the big jobs of William H. Woodin, the next secretary of the treasury, will be seeking to balance the government income with the outgo, which he intends to go after.

Discussing the economy plan with newspaper men, Speaker Garner said

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#### SECOND TRANSFUSION GIVEN MAYOR CERMAK

Miami, Fla., March 2 (AP)—A second blood transfusion was made today for Mayor Anton Cermak.

Hospital authorities said at 1 p. m. the transfusion then was in progress. A pint of blood was being given.

#### Balanced Budget Without Any New Tax Is Demanded

#### Program of Merchants, Grange and Economy League Outlined at Great Mass Meeting In Raleigh; Would Retain the 15 Cents Ad Valorem Tax Levy

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

Raleigh, March 2.—The big, State-wide anti-sales tax mass meeting got under way here at 2 o'clock this afternoon in the Memorial Auditorium, with several thousand people on hand representing merchants, farmers, bankers, landowners and almost every branch of activity in the State. The program was in charge of Frank Page, vice-president of the Wachovia Bank and Trust Company branch here and chairman of the State unit of the National Economy League. The North Carolina Merchants Association, the

#### Montanan Had Been Married to Wealthy Cuban Widow in Havana Last Saturday

#### HE WAS SOON TO BE ATTORNEY GENERAL

#### Had Been Selected for Cabinet Post by President-Elect; Died Before Doctor on Atlantic Coast Line Train Could Reach Him When Called

Rocky Mount, March 2.—(AP)—Senator Thomas J. Walsh, of Montana, died suddenly of a heart attack aboard an Atlantic Coast Line train near Wilson today en route to Washington with his bride, whom he married last Saturday in Havana, Cuba.

The senator, who was named to be attorney general in the cabinet of President-elect Roosevelt only a few days ago, was stricken and died within a few minutes as he lay face downward in a berth in his drawing room.

He was 74 years old. Senator Walsh died at 7:10 a. m. as Conductor Herbert Weatherspee, operating on the train between Florence, S. C. and Rocky Mount, held his pulse.

Only the conductor, Mrs. Walsh and her Cuban maid and a porter were present.

Mrs. Walsh was described as hysterical by Conductor Weatherspee, who said he reached the senator's side at 7:02 a. m.

"The senator died while I held his hand," Weatherspee said. "Mrs. Walsh was hysterical. Dr. Costello was located on the train, but he arrived after the senator died."

The physician Weatherspee referred

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### Hoover Will Likely Sign Cotton Bill

### Senator Smith, Its Sponsor, More Confident After Calling On President

Washington, March 2.—(AP)—Senator Smith, Democrat, South Carolina, author of the emergency cotton relief bill, told newspapermen after a conference with President Hoover on the measure he felt "more confident" that it would be signed than before he came to the White House.

The bill is awaiting presidential action.

Asked specifically what Mr. Hoover had told him, the South Carolinian said the President had asserted it was "under consideration."

"I feel more confident that it will be signed, however," Smith said, "than I did before I talked to him."

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