

N. C. SENATE MAY VOTE 3 TO 1 FOR BEER BILL

Huge State Bank Planned At Gathering In Raleigh With Over 1,000 Present

BANKS STILL SHUT WOULD POOL FUNDS FOR NEW COMPANY

Capital Stock Would Be \$2,000,000, With \$1,000,000 More For The Surplus Fund

R. F. C. WOULD BUY \$3,000,000 OF STOCK

Would Be Preferred Issue; Gurney F. Hood, State Bank Commissioner, Leading in Undertaking; \$100 Par Stock Would Sell for \$150 Per Share

Raleigh, March 28.—(AP)—More than 1,000 persons interested in organization of a mammoth statewide commercial bank gathered here this afternoon at the call of Gurney F. Hood, State commissioner of banks.

The crowd was so large that the meeting place had to be changed from a ballroom of the Sir Walter hotel to the larger auditorium in the Hugh Morson high school.

Bankers, stockholders, directors and interested persons from every part of the State overran the ball room at the hotel. An effort was made to secure enough chairs to crowd them all in the room, but when this failed, the meeting place was changed.

Many women were in the group. Under the plan contemplated by Commissioner Hood, a number of commercial banks in the State which have not yet reopened since the bank holiday would merge their liquid assets to form a gigantic new bank operating throughout the State with capital assets of \$6,000,000.

Capital stock would total \$2,000,000, and a surplus of one million dollars would be created, according to the terms of the new North Carolina legislation abolishing the double liability on common stock. The Reconstruction Finance Corporation would

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Lindbergh Blackmail Boy Taken

Akron, Ohio, Youth Sought \$25,000, But The Letters Never Were Delivered

Akron, Ohio, March 28 (AP)—A crude attempt to blackmail Mrs. Charles A. Lindbergh for \$25,000 was thwarted today with the arrest of a 15-year-old Hudson school boy, whom Post Office Inspector Ernest D. Claggett described as "apparently a pretty bright kid."

The boy, Claggett said, readily admitted mailing two letters to the famous aviator's wife, but said, "I don't know what I would have done with the money if I had got it. My father will kill me, though, when he hears of this."

Detectives who captured him late last night near the spot where the money was to have been sent said the boy would be turned over to juvenile authorities. They withheld his name.

One of the letters was mailed Feb. 27. It was snatched by post office inspectors here. The second, dated March 14, was intercepted by Washington postal authorities. Neither was seen by Mrs. Lindbergh.

WEATHER

FOR NORTH CAROLINA. Fair and colder tonight and Wednesday; probably light frost in interior tonight.

SENATOR WAGNER'S WORK PROGRAM



Central Press artist sketches the leading proposals in a program offered by Senator Robert F. Wagner of New York "to afford a solid understructure upon which employment and business can stand solid and stable," as a requisite to national prosperity.

Bank Conservators Are Granted Broader Powers

503 Million Gold Returned by Ban

Washington, March 28.—(AP)—Federal Reserve Banks gained \$503,000,000 as a result of the ban on gold hoarding.

The time for returning the hoarded metal expired last night. Each of the 12 reserve banks has been directed to turn into the Treasury names of those who have withdrawn large amounts of gold and failed to put it back.

What action the government will take against hoarders under the emergency law has not been announced.

ASSEMBLY AVOIDS NEW APPORTIONING

Constitution Ignored And Assignments Now Unlikely This Session

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

Raleigh, March 28.—Despite the fact that the legislature has not adjourned yet, the issue of reapportionment is apparently dead for another two years, according to informed opinion here. In the belief of many, the death knell to reapportionment at this session was sounded when the eastern counties, which would lose under the reapportionment, succeeded in delaying the bill indefinitely, despite the plea of the representatives from the Piedmont that such action would mean the virtual death of reapportionment by this session of the legislature.

While it is possible that the issue

FEDERAL BACKING OF INTEREST UPON MORTGAGE SOUGHT

Roosevelt's Farm Mortgage Relief Program Will Propose Guarantee By Government

CONGRESS TO GET SCHEME THIS WEEK

Funs For Extensive Mortgage Re-Financing During Next Two Years Will Be Obtained Through Bond Issues; To Increase Their Marketability

Washington, March 28.—(AP)—President Roosevelt's farm mortgage relief program will propose that the government guarantee interest payment on bonds issued for the re-financing of farm obligations.

This was learned today as his advisors hastened preparation of the measure, which the chief executive hopes to lay before Congress this week.

In tentative form, the bill proposes extensive mortgage re-financing during the next two years with funds to be raised for the purpose by the sale of bonds, as well as the exchange of bonds for mortgages now privately held.

The bonds would not be a direct obligation of the government, nor will the payment of their principals be

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Plans Are Made For New Trial of Mooney In April

San Francisco, Cal., March 28 (AP)—Plans for the new trial on Monday of tomorrow of Tom Mooney, convicted premeditated murderer, who has been in prison since 1916, took form today with indications the prosecution soon would be organized.

While the defense is practically ready for the trial and already has commenced service of approximately 100 subpoenas for witnesses, the prosecution has been disorganized by the withdrawal of District Attorney Matthew Erard, of San Francisco.

Cowan Under Bond For Auto Death of Wilmington Girl

Raleigh, March 28.—(AP)—Frederick Cowan of Raleigh, this afternoon was ordered held under \$1000 bond on a manslaughter charge following a coroner's inquiry into the death of Miss Genevieve Fales, of Wilmington, following an automobile wreck near here March 18.

Cowan testified at the inquiry into the death of Miss Fales that he was driving a large automobile owned by Representative Harris Newman, of Wilmington, and that, without apparent reason, it skidded on a curve and was wrecked. Miss Fales, a student at Meredith College here, and Newman, were with Cowan. Newman was slightly injured and Cowan was slightly hurt.

Ban Lifted On Limits For Loans

Washington, March 28 (AP)—Plunging into the President's unemployment program today the Senate swept aside the restrictions which forbid any state from borrowing more than 15 percent of the Reconstruction Corporation's \$300,000,000 relief fund.

It adopted a proposal by Senator Robinson, of Arkansas, the Democratic leader at the outset of consideration of the reforestation measure. The proposal, an amendment to the pending bill, was designed to aid Illinois and several other states which are nearing the limitation of relief borrowing.

At about the same time that it took up the bill, the Senate Finance Committee took up the measure providing \$500,000,000 for direct relief.

Drastic Payroll Slash By State Now Unlikely

Seems That Budget Director Burke Went Too Far; Teachers To Be Paid In Full and Right Away For Six Months; Conference Smooths Trouble

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Raleigh, March 28.—The drastic slashing of all State salaries and allotments for the fourth quarter of the present fiscal year by at least 50 percent, as indicated in a recent memorandum from the Budget Bureau, will probably not have to be made, it was authoritatively learned today. It was also learned that the salary checks of teachers for the sixth month of the State-supported school term will be sent out this week and not be held up any longer.

Reason for Delay. The reason the checks for the teachers

were held up was because the allotment for teachers salaries was not sufficient to pay all the teachers in full for their last month according to Dr. A. T. Allen State superintendent of public instruction, with the result that he thought it best to hold all the checks up for the time being, rather than pay some teachers in full and not have anything left for others. Arrangements have now been made so that all the teachers will be paid in full eventually, Dr. Allen said today, with the result that the checks will start going out to them this week. (Continued on Page Four.)

Beer Issue Paramount As Legalization Looms Now As Sure For State

Prospect of North Carolina Becoming Beer Oasis is Changing Legislative Sentiment

BOOTLEGGING WOULD DECLINE, IS BELIEF

New Source of Revenue Likewise Is Highly Appealing to Hard-Pressed Assembly; Certain To Reach Senate; Soft Drink Manufacturers Oppose

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Raleigh, March 28.—Despite the claim that 32 per cent beer does not have much "kick," the question of whether or not this beer shall be legally sold in North Carolina is putting plenty of "kick" into the legislative situation here right now. In fact, many observers here today believe that for the time being the beer question has pushed all the other matters out of the way and is becoming the dominant legislative question of the week.

There is no doubt that there is more talk about beer and the possibility of passing a bill to legalize the sale of beer in the State right now than at any time since the General Assembly has been in session. The belief is also gaining by leaps and bounds that the General Assembly will eventually enact a bill to permit the sale of beer in the State, although up to last Thursday or Friday the prevailing sentiment was that there was no possibility of getting a bill through this session.

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Ex-Kaiser Is Invited Back Home

Berlin, March 28 (AP)—In the midst of scattered disorders attending the beginning of a boycott against Jewish shops, the town of Bad-Homburg issued an invitation to former Kaiser Wilhelm today to make his home there if he should decide to return to Germany.

Representatives of the Hohenzollerns here said that, although there has been much talk about the return of the Kaiser, he has expressed no intention of coming back to Germany.

Resentment is still keen at the publication abroad of reports of persecution of German Jews. The Nazi party has prepared a general call to boycott Jewish stores in retaliation, but for the present it has not been used as a nationwide order.

Beer Bootlegger Arrives In State

Goldboro, March 28.—(AP)—The News-Argus said today that "the beer bootlegger" had arrived in Goldboro.

"Order book in hand," the paper said, "a man from Maryland solicited local business men. He promised to deliver kegs and cases two days after the national law is effective."

Maryland is the nearest state to North Carolina in which beer will be legal when the new national law goes into effect next month.

BLALOCK APPROVES FARM RELIEF BILL

Cotton Cooperative Head Endorses Administration's Proposal

Washington, March 28 (AP)—Full approval of the administration farm bill as passed by the House was expressed before the Senate Agriculture Committee today by U. B. Blalock, president of the American Cotton Cooperative Association, breaking the long parade of opponents of the measure.

Blalock testified after F. E. Mottin, of Denver, secretary of the American National Livestock Association; and C. D. Streeter, a farmer of Keokuk, Iowa, had opposed the bill. A long line of witnesses spoke in opposition yesterday.

Chairman Smith, in the hope of compromise could be worked out to satisfy divergent views, intended to conclude the hearings late today and hold the committee in executive session to begin revising the measure.

Coroner Verdict Changed in Death Of Court's Clerk

Troy, March 28 (AP)—A coroner's jury, reopening an inquest into the fatal shooting of Eddgar Haywood, Montgomery county clerk of superior court, on March 17, today changed its verdict of suicide and said Haywood came to his death "at the hands of an unknown party."

Haywood was found fatally wounded in the basement of the court house here after an unemployed man who had been loitering around the building heard the shot and gave the alarm.

The jury today heard witnesses testify that Haywood's wound "could have been self-inflicted," but that the manner of infliction was unnatural.

The verdict, changed from that reading that Haywood "came to his death by a gunshot wound inflicted by his own hand," said Haywood "came to his death by gunshot wounds inflicted by an unknown party."

OUTLOOK DOUBTFUL IN HOUSE, HOWEVER, AS DECISION NEARS

Thousands of Names Signed to Petitions for and Against in Senate And House

SENATE SPEEDS UP ON APPROPRIATIONS

All Opposition to Measure Carrying Millions More Than House Bill Mowed Down; Nursing Bill Passes In House and Is Sent On To the Senate

Raleigh, March 28.—(AP)—Beer and appropriations overshadowed other legislative activities in Raleigh today.

Citizens from all parts of the State were converging on the State capital for a public hearing on the Francis beer bill before a Senate judiciary committee this afternoon, and scores of petitions bearing thousands of names were sent forward in both branches of the assembly.

Wets claimed a victory in the Senate committee, Senator Francis, of Haywood, author of the bill to legalize beer saying a pool of the group "assured" a favorable report for his measure and Senate beer advocates were claiming the measure would pass there by a three to one vote. The outlook in the House was doubtful.

Mowing down all opposition on the allotments to State departments and institutions the Senate Finance Committee maneuvered its amended appropriations bill along in committee of the whole. The most controversial sections (those on schools and colleges had not been reached.

The Senate committee bill carries about \$2,775,000 in allotments for the

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Beer Holds Spotlight In Raleigh

Petitions For And Against Legalizing Beverage Dumped Upon Legislature

Raleigh, March 28.—(AP)—Beer held the center of the stage in the North Carolina General Assembly today, though neither house had a bill before it on the subject.

As the Senate committee prepared for a hearing this afternoon on the Francis beer bill, petitions on the subject flooded the legislature. Senators and representatives by the dozen had expressions from their constituents' papers favoring beer were sent forward in both houses, and drys countered with many petitions urging no change in the Turlington prohibition law.

The wets and drys apparently broke about even in the number of petitions

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WILL ROGERS says:

Beverly Hills, Calif., March 28.—Papers all state Hitler is trying to copy Mussolini Looks to me like it's the Klu Klux that he is copying. He don't want to be emperor; he wants to be Kleagle.

But ain't it a relief to have a government over there that is going to let 'em solve their own troubles over there? I see where he is kinder tending down on his racial and religious hatreds. If he does that guy is liable to come through at that.

You know, nobody thought the Democrats could do anything either when our old form of government was overthrown last fall. But the Democrats surprised not only the world, but themselves. And now every country is trying to borrow a good Democrat to come and put 'em back on their feet. Mexico has already made me an offer.

Yours, WILL.