

# Akron's Dead Are Estimated At 73

## Beer Bill Passes, Legalizing Sale In State After May 1

### VOTE IS 75 TO 27 ON FINAL PASSAGE OF BILL IN HOUSE

That Body Debates Re-  
Writing of Constitution  
Two Hours and Ad-  
journs For Day

### COMMITTEE TALKS NEW BANKING ACT

### Comes Up at Session To- night; State and District Game Wardens Are Abol- ished in Senate Vote; Spe- cial 10 Cents Tax Levy by Counties Is Killed

Raleigh, April 4.—(AP)—Beer will be sold and taxed in North Carolina after May 1 for the first time since 1903.

The legislature today added its final approval to the Francis measure to legalize wines and beers of 3.2 percent alcoholic content after the first of next month.

House approval of the proposal on its last reading came on a 75 to 27 vote, not including pairs, and after a few minutes the Senate concurred in several minor House changes in the bill and the mere formality of ratification kept the measure from being a law.

North Carolina voted to outlaw the sale of alcoholic beverages in the State in 1903, but shipment into the State could be obtained until the adoption of the eighteenth amend-

### Constitution Considered.

With beer out of the way, after holding the center of interest in the legislature for ten days, the House turned to consideration of a bill to re-write the State's constitution by amendment, and the Senate passed a number of minor bills.

After spending two hours on the constitutional bill, the House voted to adjourn until tomorrow, though a night session had been planned as the finance committee promised to introduce its revenue bill tonight.

### Bank Plan Up.

A meeting of the joint legislative committee on banking was called for tonight to consider the emergency banking act to enable institutions which have not yet reopened for business to merge.

The revenue committee called a meeting for this afternoon, and it was announced the appropriation conference would also work later today.

Two proposals to allow North Carolinians to secure funds from the Reconstruction Finance Corporation for self-liquidating projects got Senate approval and went to the House.

One would allow municipalities to create self-liquidating water and sewage systems and the other would

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## See Speedy Agreements Upon Taxes

### House and Senate Will Probably Avoid Long "Sitting Con- test" This Time

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

Raleigh, April 4.—The General Assembly will finally wind up with the adoption of a three percent general sales tax and a State-supported eight months school term, according to those familiar with the situation here despite the fact that there is some sentiment in both houses for a luxury sales tax, and strong opposition in the lower branch of the assembly to any form of sales tax.

The House finance committee has drawn a revenue bill with only a two percent general sales tax, and which makes no provision for an eight months term. However, the Senate is almost unanimously in favor of an eight months school term, which will necessitate a sales tax of three percent, and is definitely lined up

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## Full Power Is Granted Senate Bank Committee In Private Bank Probe

### Alien Bureau Chief



A recent photo of Daniel W. McCormack, of New York, who has been nominated for Commissioner General of Immigration by President Roosevelt to succeed Harry E. Hull. McCormack, whose picturesque career has taken him to far corners of the globe in such varied capacities as Director of Internal Revenue for Persia, and Inspector General of Army Transport in France during the war, was recommended by Secretary of Labor Perkins.

### Scope of Measure Includes Inquiry Into All Activi- ties of J. P. Morgan and Company

### AUTHORITY GIVEN WITHOUT ARGUMENT

### Senator Fletcher, Author of Resolution, Calls It Up and Asks Unanimous Consent for Its Consideration and No Objection Whatever Is Raised

Washington, April 4 (AP)—The Senate today granted the broadest power in its possession for an investigation of private bankers, including J. P. Morgan and Company, by the banking committee.

Without debate the Senate adopted the Fletcher resolution extending wide power to the banking committee to make the inquiry into private banking which President Roosevelt has sponsored.

Chairman Fletcher, of the banking committee, called up the resolution, which he introduced and asked for unanimous consent for its consideration. There was no objection and the authority was quickly granted.

## REVENUE ON BEER MOTED QUESTION

### Some Put It At \$500,000, Others at Three Times That Much Money

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

Raleigh, April 4.—Raleigh, as the political center of the State, thrives on speculation, but it has at least been stumped over the question of how much revenue this proposed 3.2 percent beer will yield. Estimates of the amount of income tax beer will yield differ so widely here that it is agreed that one person's guess is about as good as another's.

Sponsors of the beer bill introduced by Senator Francis claim that it will produce \$1,500,000 a year in revenue to the State alone. The State tax on beer will be \$2 per 31-gallon barrel, or two cents per twelve ounce bottle. The counties will be permitted to levy a \$25 license tax and the cities a \$10 tax.

There are others here that claim

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## ASHEVILLE MAN IS ROTARY HEAD

Charleston, S. C., April 4 (AP)—Robert F. Phillips, of Asheville, N. C., was nominated for governor of the 58th district of Rotary International at the closing session of the district conference here today.

## Would Force Merchants To Get Tax From Sales

### Legislature Urged To Make It Mandatory on Every Concern To Pass Tax on to Consumer; Bowie May Seek To Switch House To Luxury Tax

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

Raleigh, April 4.—Now that the House Finance Committee has already decided to bring out a revenue bill calling for a two per cent general sales tax, there is no longer any doubt that the general sales tax will become the basis for the discussion of the sales tax issue. But it is not altogether certain that the House will accept the recommendation of the finance committee with regard to a general sales tax. In fact, there is

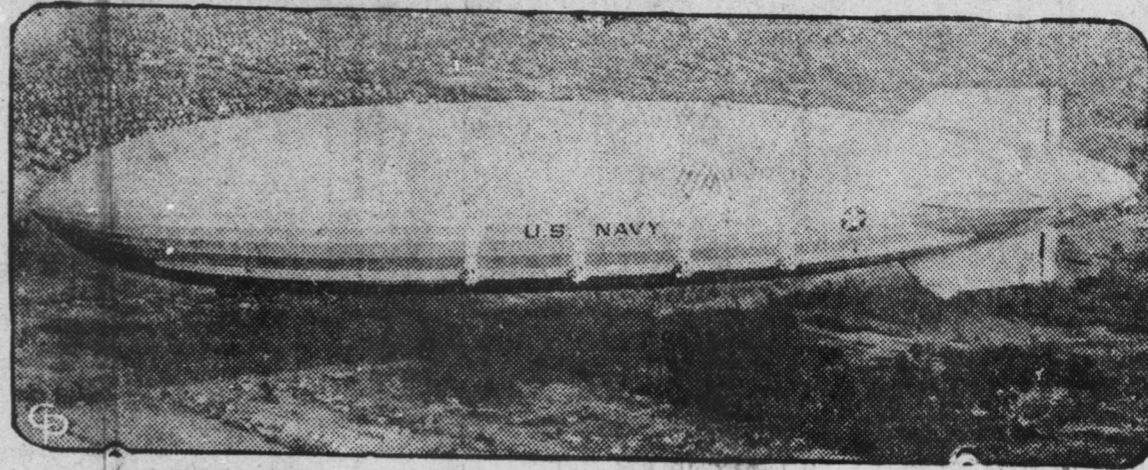
strong sentiment among a good many members of the House in favor of a luxury or selected commodities tax and it is regarded as certain that an effort will be made by this group to substitute the luxury tax plan for the general sales tax as recommended by the committee.

Collection Complicated.

Still another matter that is giving the finance committee trouble right now and destined to become a real

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## WORLD'S LARGEST DIRIGIBLE CRASHES



This picture of the giant United States Navy dirigible Akron was made soon after the huge ship went into commission late in 1931. The craft was struck by lightning early today while cruising 25 miles at sea off the New Jersey coast and burst into flames and was destroyed, with the probable loss of the entire crew and personnel of 76 officers and men, with the exception of the only three so far rescued.

## Commander Of Akron Sends Vivid Account Of Disaster

Washington, April 4 (AP)—Lieutenant Commander Herbert V. Wiley, only officer known to have survived the Akron crash, reported to the navy today that a few minutes after midnight, the ship had suddenly shifted violently, descended, and was "demolished on impact" in the water off the New Jersey coast.

"In lightning flash, saw many men swimming," his cryptic report said. "Wreckage drifted rapidly away. Discipline control car perfect," it ended.

The message, which had been picked up elsewhere before being given out at the navy, read textually:

"Sighted thunderstorm about 30 miles south of Philadelphia about two zero four five (8:15 p. m.) and proceeded on east and north east course. Light night, mostly to south. Ground obscured by fog. Ship in good static condition. Approximately 5,000 pounds sea heavy. In vicinity of Jersey shore at 10 o'clock.

"Surrounded by lightning at light (presumably Barents light.) Night atmosphere not very turbulent. Rain east course until about 23:00 (11 p. m. Then crossed to west at 24:00 (midnight). Sighted light on ground and changed course to 130 degrees. Ship began to descend rapidly from flying altitude 1,600 feet. Dropped ballast. Became entirely surrounded

by lightning.

"About 00:30 (12:30 a. m.) ship began to descend rapidly from flying altitude, 1,600 feet. Dropped ballast forward and regained altitude.

"Three minutes later seemed to be in center of storm. Ship began to shift about violently. Called all hands ship commenced to descend. Stern inclined downward.

"Dropped ballast. Rudder control carried away. Descent continued to water. Ship demolished upon impact.

"In lightning flash saw many men swimming. Wreckage drifted rapidly away. Discipline in control car perfect.

(Signed) "WILEY."

## ROOSEVELT FOREST PLAN SATISFACTORY

### Avoids So-Called "Peon- ags" Resemblance; Rey- nolds Is Popular

By CHARLES P. STEWART

Washington, April 4.—President Roosevelt's afforestation program was not acted on in Congress until it had been considerably altered from its original form. As introduced, it was attacked on the ground that it sought to establish a system unpleasantly like peonage.

It may be taken for granted that it was not so intended and perhaps it would not have worked out so but it unquestionably conveyed that idea to certain folk, for they said so.

## Michigan Almost Unit For Repeal

Detroit, Mich., April 4.—(AP)—At least 86 out of a possible 100 votes in Michigan's special state convention next Monday will be cast for repeal of the eighteenth amendment to the Constitution. This became certain as additional returns from Monday's referendum showed the tremendous strength of the anti-prohibition forces.

## GERMAN CHARGES ON U. S. CONSULATE

### Nazi Press Service Says Of- fices In Berlin Are "Lie Factory"

### JEWISH AREA RAIDED

### Streets Closed, Pedestrians Halted and Houses Searched for Wea- pons and Papers; Some Arrests Are Made

Berlin, April 4.—(AP)—A Jewish quarter in the eastern section of the city, inhabited by poorer classes, was raided today by a large police force assisted by Nazi auxiliaries.

Streets were closed and pedestrians were halted, while houses were searched for weapons and papers.

Worshippers leaving synagogues were searched and those not carrying double identification cards were arrested. Some printed matter and a few weapons were confiscated.

The government announced the anti-Semitic boycott will not be resumed Wednesday. The Nazi party which called the one-day boycott last Saturday reserves the right, however, to reinstate the boycott in the event the atrocity campaign is resumed abroad. American officials in Berlin were disturbed over an allegation by the Tangerman Press Service, edited by two Nazi, that "an atrocity lie factory has been set up in the American consulate general."

The service claims that the American consulate like the Polish collects accusations of eastern Jews against Nazi.

## WIDOW OF SLAIN PRESIDENT DEAD

Paris, April 4.—(AP)—Madam Blanche Doumer, widow of the late assassinated president, died today.

## HIT BY LIGHTNING OFF JERSEY COAST AND FALLS IN SEA

### Only Three Men Known Rescued Alive of 76 In All on Board at the Time

## STATIC IN THE AIR BLOCKS SOS CALLS

### Commander Wiley One of Three Rescued But With- holds Statement; German Tanker Sees Flare Over- head; Relatives of Men Hope Against Hope

New York, April 4.—(AP)—The U. S. S. Akron, largest airship in the world, crashed in flames at sea early today with 76 men.

Ten hours later only four of those men had been found, and one of them died later, making this apparently by far the greatest disaster in the whole history of lighter-than-air flights, a history which has been spotted by numerous major tragedies.

The Akron was caught in a violent electrical storm shortly after midnight 25 miles out from the sand dunes of the Jersey coast, in the region of Barnegat.

### Static Blocks SOS

The coast guard station at Asbury Park, N. J., reported receiving SOS signals from the Akron, but the air was filled with static and they were not heard elsewhere. The German tanker Phoenix saw a flare in the darkness. Presumably, the Akron was struck by lightning and set afire, and to the navy reported to President Roosevelt.

Among the missing was Admiral William A. Moffett, chief of the navy's bureau of aeronautics. Benjamin T. Thigpen, of Greensboro, N. C., an enlisted man, was among those aboard the ill-fated Akron.

### Commander Rescued.

Among the rescued was Lieutenant Commander H. C. Wiley, executive officer of the Akron. The other rescued were enlisted members of the crew, as was the man whose body was recovered.

The coast guard destroyer Tucker, after abandoning hope of finding further survivors, started for the Brooklyn navy yard with the body of the lead man and the survivors. A wireless call was sent ahead to have an ambulance ready for the injured.

The tragedy occurred in the worst of flying weather. Besides the peril of the electric disturbances, visibility was exceptionally poor and the flying was made in a fog.

Communication concerning rescue efforts was hindered by continuing static. Third naval district headquarters in New York reported that all wireless receivers there "went dead" about the time of the crash, and remained out of commission for a considerable period.

### Relatives Hopeful.

At Lakehurst, N. J., home port of the Akron, at Washington and in other scattered regions, the relatives and friends of the missing airman hoped against hope that some word of further rescue would come from the stormy sea. Typical of the

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## WILL ROGERS SAYS:

Beverly Hills, Calif., April 4.—Ruth Bryn Owen is going as Ambassador to Denmark, or Sweden, or Norway, or one of these (Americans will never become civilized enough to tell a Swede from a Dane, or a Norwegian from a Swede). I know the difference means a lot to them but it just means another tall blonde to us.

Well, anyhow, Roosevelt is trading Ruth to that part of the country for Greta Garbo, and it's the only bad trade he has made since he got in. Ruth's got it on her any way you jump.

Those three countries we have always thought a lot of (even if we don't know 'em apart). They built up our great Northwest, and when we send the talented daughter of our Great Commoner, we are giving 'em the best we got.

Yours,  
WILL.

## WEATHER

### FOR NORTH CAROLINA.

Fair, probably light frost tonight; slightly colder in north-east portion; Wednesday fair, rising temperature in the interior.