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# 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 Tonight; State and District Game Wardens Are Abolished 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

The legislature today added its final approval to the Francis measure to legalize wines and beers of 3.2 per cent 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

North Carolina voted to outlaw the sa'e of alcoholic beverages in the State in 1908, 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 Plen Up. A meeting of the joint legislative committee on banking was called for tonight to consider the emergency frinking pot to enable firstitutions which have not yet reopened for businers to merge.

The revenue committee ralled a meeting for this afternoon, and it was announced the appropriation conferees would also work later today. Two proposals to allow North Caro'inians to secure funds from the Reconstruction Finance Corporation for self-l'quidating projects got Senate approval and went to the House. One would allow municipalities to create self-liquidating water and

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sewage systems and the other would

## See Speedy Agreements

House and Senate Will Probably Avoid Long "Sitting Contest" This Time

Daily Dispatch Bureau, in the Sir Waiter Hotel, BY HENRY LESESNE. Raleigh, April 4.—The General As-

sembly 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 genera. sales tax, and which makes no provision for an eight months term. However, the Senate is doubt that the general sales tax will almost unanimously in favor of an become the basis for the discussion eight months school term, which will of the sales tax issue. But it is not necessitate a sales tax of three per- altogether certain that the House will accept the recommendation of the cent, and is definitely lined up finance committee with regard to a

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

Alien Bureau Chief



A recent photo of Daniel W. Mc-Cormack, of New York, who has been nominated for Commissioner General of Immigration by Presi-dent 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 In-ternal Revenue for Persia. and Inspector General of Army Transport in France during the war, was recommended by Secretary of Labor Perkins.

STILL PENDING IN

Reapportionment Question

Dodged by Both Houses,

While Professions

Are Regulated

Has Usually Won Its Way

Cut But Other Regulations

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

Raleigh, april 4.—One hundred

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LABOR SUCCESSFUL

Scope of Measure Includes Inquiry Into All Activities of J. P. Morgan and Company

**AUTHORITY GIVEN** WITHOUT ARGUMENT

Senator Fletcher, Author of Resolution, Calls It Up and rescued. 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 invest. igation 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.

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

Daily Dispatch Burens, In the Sir Wulter Hotel, BY J. C. BASKERVII.I. 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 yied. . . ! ma'es of the amount of income tax beer will it had been considerably altered from IN MANY BATTLES yield differ so widely here that it is agreed that one person's guess it about as good as another's.

Sponsors of the beer bill introducon Legislation This Ses. ed by Senator Franc's claim that it will produce \$1,500,000 a year in resion; Marriage Licenses wenue to the State alone. The State tax on beer will be \$2 per 31-gallon barrel or two cents per twelve ounce of Matrimonial Knot Are bottle. The counties will be permitted to levy a \$25 license tax and the cities a \$10 tax.

There are others here that claim (Continued on Page Three.)

and fifteen bills have been enactd into ASHEVILLE MAN law by the General Asnembly during the twelve weeks of its existence, but

few of the perplexing issues which confironted the legislature when it convened early in January have been Robert F. Phillips, of Asheville, N. bon Taxes | Settled, it is revealed by a survey of legislative activity as the law-mak- 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 Burers, 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

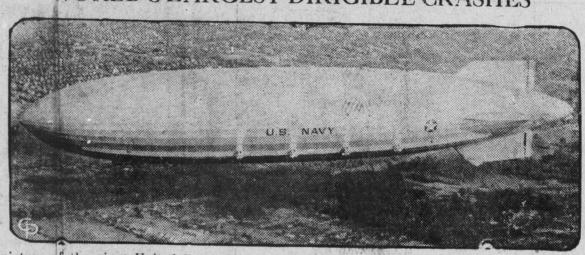
general sales tax. In fact, there is

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 House. 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

### Commander Of Akron Sends Vivid Account Of Disaster

Washington, April 4.(AP)—Lieute- miles south of Philadelphia about two by lightning. nant Commander Herbert V. Wiley, zero four five (8:15 p. m.) and pro- "About 00.3" "demolished on impact" in the water at 10 o'clock. off the New Jersey coast.

"In lightning flash, saw many mon Discipline control car perfect," it

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

navy today that a few minutes after obscured by fog. Ship in good static forward and regained altitude. midnight, the ship had suddenly condition. Approximately 5,000 pounds shifted violently, descended, and was Sea heavy. In vicinity of Jersey shore in center of storm Ship began to

(presumably Barengat light.) Night inclined downward. swimming," his cryptic report said, atmosphere not very turbulent, Rain "Wreckage drifted rapidly away. cast course until about 23.00 (11 p. carried away. Descent continued to m. Then crossed to west at 24.00 (midnight). Sighted light on ground and changed course to 130 degrees, swimming. Wreckage drifted rapidly Ship began to descend rapidly from away. Discipline in control car per flying altitude 1,600 feet. Dropped fect. "Sighted thunderstorm about 30 ballast. Became entirely surrounded

"About 00.30 (12:30 a. m.) ship beonly officer known to have survived cceded on east and north east course. gan to descend rapidly from flying the Akron crash, reported to the Light night, mostly to south. Ground altitude, 1,600 feet. Dropped ballost

"Three minutes later seemed to be shift about violently. Called all hands "Surrounded by lightning at light |Ship commenced to descend. Sterr

"Dropped ballast. Rudder contro water. Ship demolished upon impact "In lightning flash saw many mer

(Signed) "WILEY."

#### MOOTED QUESTION ROOSEVELT FOREST PLAN SATISFACTORY

Avoids So-Called "Peonage" Resemblance; Reynolds la 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 was not so intended and perhaps t would not have worked out so but it unquestionably conveyed that idea

to certain folk, for they said so. The curious feature of the whole affair is that millions of Americans undoubtedly are still in ignorance as to just what it does provide. It was a measure to create an army of 250,-000 men ,to work for the government under conditions which well-informed individuals spoke of as bordering on slavery. One would imagine that IS ROTARY HEAD not an American would have felt secure until personally satisfied that it contained no such danger. Yet, with a little tinkering, it was possible to get it approved by the U. S. senate without even a roll call.

IL DUCE, PACIFIST

Italian Ambassador Rosso is systematically press agenting what he calls the "Mussolini plan" for peace in Europe. Indeed, many internationalists consider "Il Duce," once deemed a highly dangerous statesman, the old world's best present pacifist. WHAT ABOUT CHAMPAGNE?

French champagne producers are quoted as assuming that their beverage will be admitted to America under the 3.2 per cent law, on the theory that the limit will not be strictly interpreted. Congressional wets and drys alike speak of such naivete as almost incredible.

Senator "Bob" Reynolds, North Carolina's comparatively new solon, is recognized as the most visited Washington. In the number of its calllers, his office rivals the White

POPULAR SENATOR

particular post.

DANIELS' CRITICS Mexican jingoes are not the only against Nazi-adverse critics of Josephus Daniels' appointment as ambassador to their WIDOW OF SLAIN country. American business there have telegraphed that they think the secretary of the navy under whom U. S. marines seized Vera Cruz was a tactless selection for that

#### Michigan Almost Unit For Repeal

Detroit, Mich., April 4.-(AP)votes in Michigan's special state convention next Monday will be cast for repeal of the eighteenth smendment to the Constitution. This became certain as additional returns from Monday's referendum the anti-prchibition forces.

Nazi Press Service Says Offices In Berlin Are "Lie Factory"

JEWISH AREA RAIDED

Streets Closed, Pedestrians Halted and Houses Searched for Weapons and Papers; Some Arrests Are Made

quarter in the eastern section of the mioval and appointed counsel for him. city, inhabited by poorer classes, was raided today by a large police force JIMMY WALKER TO assisted by Nazi auxiliaries.

ed for weapons and papers. Worshipers leaving synagagues were searched and those not carrying double identification cards were ar-

Streets were closed and pedestrians

were halted, while houses were search

rested. 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, howevevr, to reinstate the boycott in the event MASONS OF STATE 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 flawmaker by his constituents, in 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

PRESIDENT DEAD

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

#### Former U.S. Magistrate Is On Trial

roturns from Monday's referendum showed the tremendous strength of T. A. Beaman, Of Greenville, Former Minister, Accused of Accepting Bribes

ONU. S. CONSULATE Washington, April 4 (AP) Thomas
A. Beaman, of Greenville, indicted
for accepting bribes while a United Washington, April 4 (AP) Thomas States commissioner went on trial in Federal court here today. The entire morning was consum-

ed in selecting a jury, and as soon as it was completed Judge I. M. Meekins recessed court for lunch Beaman a former minister, is ac-

cused of accepting bbribes rnging ffrom \$2 to \$5 in connection with cases involving allged violation of the prohibition laws.

He asked for removal of his trial to Wilson on the ground that his cousel could not be present here, but Berlin, April 4.—(AP)—A Jewish Judge Meekins refused to grant re-

#### MARRY NEXT WEEK

Cannes, France, April 4.—(AP) -Former Mayor James J. Walker, of New York, and Betty Compton, the actress, have arranged to be married quietly next week after the expiration of the nine day period required by law following the filing of a notice at the city hall yesterday.

#### TO MEET TONIGHT

Charlotte, April \* 4 .- (AP)-North Carolina's 35,000 Masons have been called to meet in simultaneous session in their various lodges tonight to re-affirm their vows to the order and join in endorsements of President Roose-velt's efforts to aid the nation-

#### WEATHER

FOR NORTH CAROLINA. Fair, probably light frost to-night; slightly colder in northeast portion; Wednesday fair, r'sing temperature in the interior.

# 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 Withholds Statement; German Tanker Sees Flare Overhead: 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 oday with 76 men.

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

'ed by numerous major tragedies. The Akron was caught in a violent electrical storm shortly after midnight 25 miles out from the sand iunes of the Jersey coast, in the retion of Barnegat.

Static Blocks SOS coast guard station at Asbury Park, N. J., reported receiving SOS ignals from the Akron, but the air vas filled with static and they were not heard elsewhere. The German anker Phoebus saw a flare in the larkness. Presumably, the Akron was truck by lightning and set afire, and o the navy reported to President

William A. Moffett, chief of the lavy's bureau of aeronautics. Benamin T. Thigpen, of Greensboro, N. I, an enlisted man, was among those aboard the ill-fated Akron.

Commander Rescued. Among the rescued was Lieutenart Commander H. C. Wiley, executive fficer of the Akron. The other rescued were enlisted members of the thew, as was the man whose book vas recovered.

The coast guard destroyer Tucker, after abandoning hope of finding furher survivors, started for the Brook yn navy yard with the body of the lead man and the survivors. A wire. ess call was sent ahead to have a 1 ambulance ready for the injured.

The tragedy occurred in the worst of flying weather. Besides the peril of the electric disturbances, visibility vas exceptionally poor and the flying ceiling was close to sea level.

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 renained 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 airmen hoped against waning hope that some word of further rescues would come from the stormy sea. Typical of the

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Beverly Hils, Calif. April 4--Ruth Bryss Owen is going as Ambassadoress 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 Norwegians from a Swede). I know the difference means a lot to them but it just means another tall

blonde to ust. 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 daugh'ter of our Great Commoner, we are giving 'em the best we got.

Yours, WILL.