

HOUSE GROUP VOTES 3% GENERAL SALES TAX

Hitler, Mussolini Are Invited Here To Talk Recovery

Premier Daladier of France Also Included In General Invitation To Big Four

MACDONALD SAILS SATURDAY, APRIL 15

Each Nation Has Been Invited To Send Head of Its Government, But If Not Head, Then Some High Official; Will Confer With President Roosevelt

Washington, April 7.—(AP)—The chiefs of the French, Italian and German governments, as well as the British, have been invited to come to Washington to talk world economic recovery with President Roosevelt. Invitations to Italy and Germany were extended verbally today through the embassies. A similar invitation was extended by President Roosevelt through the French ambassadors previously. Each nation has been invited to send the head of its government. In the case of Germany and Italy this presumably would mean the dictators for Germany, Adolf Hitler, and for Italy, Benito Mussolini. For France it would be Premier Daladier. Prime Minister Ramsay MacDonald, of Great Britain, already has accepted a formal invitation and will sail April 15.

If the head of the state is unable to come, the three powers have been advised that a member of the government would be welcome. Failing that, the exchanges of views would take place through diplomatic channels.

Officers Named For Federation Of Music Clubs

Raleigh, April 7 (AP)—Mrs. Eugenia Davis, of Staesville, today was elected president of the North Carolina State Federation of Music Clubs at the annual convention of the organization moved through its third year. New officers elected for the ensuing year were Mrs. J. S. Corryell, of Raleigh, second vice-president; Mrs. Maurice Honigman, of Gastonia, treasurer; and Mrs. Harris Sebring, of Western-Salem, recording secretary. At other executives hold their posts another year. The city for next year's convention was not selected this morning, but delegates were expressing a belief that Wilmington's invitation would be accepted.

BRUMMITT DEFERS RULING UPON BEER

Raleigh, April 7.—(AP)—Whether or not brewers may ship beer into North Carolina legally before midnight April 30 was an undecided question today. Attorney General Dennis G. Brummitt said he could not rule on the matter until he had given the new State and Federal beer laws close scrutiny.

Arguments In Negroes' Case Began

Decatur, Ala., April 7.—(AP)—Arguments in the trial of Haywood Patterson, first of nine Negroes to face trial for an alleged attack on two white girls in the Scottsboro case, were begun today after the State had presented brief rebuttal testimony. Patterson is being tried on an indictment charging him with attacking Mrs. Victoria Price aboard a Southern Railway freight train in Jackson county March 25, 1931.

WEATHER

FOR NORTH CAROLINA. Fair, slightly cooler on the coast tonight; light to heavy frosts tonight; Saturday fair; slowly rising temperature in interior.

Heads Akron Probe



Captain Haines, executive officer of the Philadelphia navy yard, will head the navy's investigation of the Akron disaster.

AKRON GOOD SHIP

Four Hours Before Plunge, He Said It Was Better Than Shenandoah

INVESTIGATION BEGUN

Three Survivors of Dirigible's Fatal Crash Tell of Event Before House Naval Committee At Hearing

Washington, April 7.—(AP)—Four hours before he went to his death in the Atlantic on the Akron Rear Admiral William A. Moffett said the airship was much better than the Shenandoah, the other giant of the navy that went to disaster in Ohio. Richard E. Deal, one of three navy men who survived the crash of the Akron last Monday night, told the House Naval Committee today of a conversation he had with the navy's chief of aeronautics shortly before the fatal plunge of the ship. His statement was given to the committee as Deal, Lieutenant Commander Herbert C. Wiley and Moody E. Erwin, testified before the committee in its inquiry into the causes of the disaster.

At about the same time Representative McClintock, Democrat, Oklahoma, a former member of the naval committee, was asking the House Rules Committee to have some other committee investigate the disaster. He charged that if any committee interested in naval legislation, investigated the matter would be whitewashed. Chairman Vinson, of the Naval committee denied this in a personal clash with McClintock before the rules committee.

GOING INTO DISASTER FROM TOP TO BOTTOM

Washington, April 7.—(AP)—The three survivors of the Akron's plunge into the Atlantic appeared before a House committee today to relate their story.

Lieutenant Commander Herbert V. Wiley, executive officer of the Akron; Richard E. Deal, boatswain's mate and Moody E. Erwin, metallsmith were called to repeat publicly the report submitted to the committee in secret session yesterday by Wiley. Before the hearings began, Chairman Vinson reiterated his promise that "we are going into this thing from top to bottom."

30-HOUR WORK WEEK BILL SIDETRACKED

Washington, April 7.—(AP)—Speaker Rainey said at a press conference today that the Senate's 30-hour work week bill would be sidetracked in the House pending passage of all of President Roosevelt's reconstruction legislation. "There is a lot of dynamite in that bill," he said.

Akron Survivors Fly to Inquiry



The three survivors of the Akron disaster are pictured as they left the Naval Hospital at Brooklyn, N. Y., to fly to Washington to give their version of the tragic occurrence to a special board of inquiry.

Beer Return Celebrated In Many Parts Of Nation

While Jubilee and Jollity Are Widespread Among Its Friends, Its Foes Voice Criticism and Warning; Cannot Be Controlled W. C. T. U. Head Says

(By the Associated Press.) The thump of bung starters on countless kegs drummed a long lost beverage back to the American scene today. Lawful 3.2 percent beer gushed in territory populated by about 70,000,000 Americans as 19 states and the District of Columbia lifted a ban more than 13 years old. Jubilee and jollity were widespread among friends of the beverage; its foes voiced criticism and warning. Five minutes after beer became legal at midnight, a big truck rumbled to the service entrance of the White House bearing two cases—a brewer's gift to the President. Mr.

TALK MORGAN FEUD WITH ROCKEFELLERS

How Genuine It Is Is Topic of Speculation In Washington

By CHARLES P. STEWART Washington, April 7.—How genuine the report is, between the houses of Morgan and Rockefeller, is the subject of a deal of speculation in Washington. The supposition that the two great Chase National bank, recognized interests are at odds is based mainly on the fact that Chairman Aldrich of the Rockefeller group, recently attacked security-selling by bankers—a practice which the Morgan certainly do engage in. However, so do many other bankers.

The Morgan firm, to be sure, is conspicuously under scrutiny by the senate's stock market investigators. Some lawmakers think Chairman Aldrich would not have expressed himself as he did at such a juncture except with a view to "slicing" the inquirers on their prey.

FIRST FOR PRETZELS

Whether or not reminded of it by any recent change in national legislation, the commerce department casually mentions, in a late bulletin, that America's premier pretzel-producing state is Pennsylvania.

FARMERS WANT TRUCKS

Farm interests have warned regulators of the transportation industry that they will tolerate no railroad rehabilitation plan involving elimination of auto truck competition, of which the roads are particularly anxious to rid themselves.

COUNTY MERGERS

As an economy measure, the U. S. Chamber of Commerce misses no chance to urge a consolidation of counties—that is, the merging, on an average, of each four counties into one. Only the influence of the political "county rings" prevents it, according to the chamber's spokesmen.

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With Other Revenue Sources Tapped and Economics, It Is Considered Sufficient

MUST RECAPTURE CORPORATION LOSS

Real Estate Relief Gained by Big Companies Under Sales Tax Would Be Recovered by Higher Levies In Incomes and Franchises, Cherry Thinks

Daily Dispatch Bureau, In the Sir Walter Hotel, BY J. C. BASKERVILLE. Raleigh, April 7.—A revenue bill sufficient to provide the necessary money to finance the appropriations bill as agreed upon by the conference committee of approximately \$25,158,595 the first year and \$25,750,535 the second year of the coming biennium can be provided with the adoption of a general sales tax of not more than two per cent, in the opinion of Representative R. Gregg Cherry, of Gastonia. For, while Mr. Cherry is opposed to any form of sales tax and has consistently opposed an eight-months school term because he felt

RUSSIAN EMBARGO PASSES COMMONS

London, April 7.—(AP)—The government's Russian embargo bill went to the House of Lords today after receiving final approval of the House of Commons.

BRITISH MARINES LANDED IN CHINA

Tientsin, China, April 7.—(AP)—Chinese dispatches said today that British Marines had been landed at Chiangwai to protect British property there as the result of renewed hostilities in that sector.

PASSING OF STRAUS MOURNED BY WORLD

New York, April 7.—(AP)—Messages came from many parts of the world today expressing condolence over the passing of Herbert Nathan Straus, merchant prince, who died last night of a heart ailment.

WALKER-COMPTON WEDDING APRIL 13

Nice, France, April 7.—(AP)—Friends expect former Mayor James J. Walker and Betty Compton to be married at Cannes city hall the morning of April 13, with Michael Arlen and Norma Shearer mentioned as likely witnesses.

SMALL MARGIN FOR BEER IN TENNESSEE

Nashville, Tenn., April 7.—(AP)—The Tennessee House of Representatives today passed a bill to legalize beer, effective June 1. The vote was 53 to 41. Fifty votes were required for passage. The bill probably will be called up in the Senate next week.

GERMAN STOCKS DROP

And, naturally, because of an unsettled state, Germany has been experiencing a sharp decline in securities. A sobering influence is expected to stabilize the nervous markets.

FRANCE TROUBLED

To complete a trio, France also has budget troubles.

NOT SO POOR

Some organizations still show hand some profits. The National City bank of New York reports earnings of \$8,079,000 for the first quarter of this year. That's almost twice the amount of the present dividend requirements.

WHEAT

Nature is cutting down the American wheat yield to such an extent that the farm bill may be outmoded before it can be put into operation.

SLOGAN

Barron Collier, New York advertising man, is opening a national advertising campaign at his own expense, with the slogan, "Get as Right as Roosevelt!" to end the depression.

AIR DISASTERS

This period of the year seems the time when the United States suffers its worst air disasters. It's just two years since Knute Rockne was killed in the crash of an air liner—and now the Akron goes to its doom.

Franchise Rates On Corporations Sharply Boosted

Finance Committee By 7 to 6 Vote, Refuses 4 Per-cent Levy, One Per-cent for Counties

FRANCHISE LEVIES UNDER BUDGET PLAN

Domestic and Foreign Corporations Would Pay \$1.50 Per \$1,000 of Capital; Public Service 5 1-2 Per-cent on Gross and Railroads 82 1-2c on \$100

Raleigh, April 7.—(AP)—The House Finance Committee voted this morning to report a 1933-35 revenue bill carrying a three percent general sales tax and increasing corporation franchise tax rates.

By a vote of seven to six, the committee refused to include a four percent sales tax in its bill, with one percent to be returned to the 19 counties of the State for debt service payment.

Faced with the necessity of providing revenue to meet biennial appropriations of \$83,159,218, the committee voted to write the three percent general sales tax into its bill and then increase franchise taxes to a level half way between the present scale and the recommendations made to the legislature by the Advisory Budget Commission.

The principal franchise taxes will be set as follows: Domestic and foreign corporations, \$1.50 per \$1,000 of capital. Public service corporations, 5 1-2 percent of the gross receipts. Railroads, 82 1-2 cents per \$100 valuation.

Convention In Fall For Repeal Sure

Legislature Moves Toward Election In November, Despite Court's Ruling

Daily Dispatch Bureau, In the Sir Walter Hotel, BY HENRY LESSENIE. Raleigh, April 7.—It is now not only reasonably certain, but a foregone conclusion that North Carolinians will go to the polls early in November to elect delegates to a State convention which a month later will decide whether North Carolina is to ratify the repeal of the eighteenth amendment, according to the prevailing view here. This opinion is now held not only by those who have been favoring the Murphy-Waynick bill to hold a special election in November, but also by a majority of the leaders in

SENATE TO ADOPT NEW SUPPLY BILL

Quick Action on Conference Compromise Likely In Upper House

Real Compromise on Salary Cuts; House Agrees to Conference Measure, Though Much Higher Than Desired

Daily Dispatch Bureau, In the Sir Walter Hotel, BY J. C. BASKERVILLE. Raleigh, April 7.—Adoption of the conference committee report on the appropriations bill is expected today by the Senate, including the provision for a State-supported eight months school term, since the op-

WILL ROGERS SAYS:

Beverly Hills, April 7.—Well, it don't make much difference what we're tonight for you folks—to erad tomorrow (Friday), for you won't be able to read it any how. Nobody has any idea what this low voltage beer will taste like, but I bet it will be mighty potent for this gay Roosevelt hasn't pulled a bad one yet. Another thing, too! You take those Congressmen and Senators, the fine way they been acting in this Congress, they deserve a little nip. The boys have been mighty fine. We haven't heard the word Republican or Democrat in a month. They are in there really trying to help out the country. So, if you are in reach of any of 'em tomorrow, buy 'em a drink and send me the bill. Yours, WILL ROGERS. P. S. This holds good up to one beer.

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