

U.S. MAY ENTER PACT WITH OTHER POWERS

Theatre License Taxes Voted For Upon Flat Fee

ACTION OF SENATE IS FIRST REVERSE OF ITS COMMITTEE

Senate Is Running Far Behind Schedule in Debate on Biennial Revenue Measure

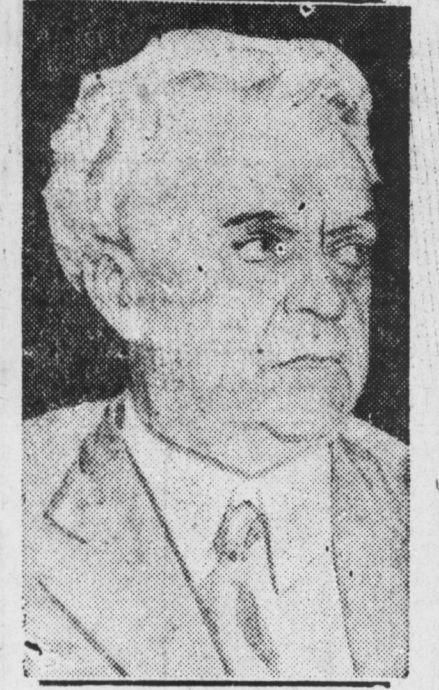
SALES TAX SECTION TO COME TOMORROW

Beer Measure Faces Several Amendments in House, Where It Is Placed on Calendar; Second Primary Abolition Is Killed by Vote in House

Raleigh, April 25.—(AP)—Working slowly as a committee of the whole, the Senate today voted to base license taxes for motion picture theatres on a flat fee instead of three percent of their gross receipts, while the House worked on a heavy calendar. The Senate was far behind the schedule set by its leaders for the revenue bill and indications were that the controversial three percent general sales tax would not be reached until tonight or tomorrow. The Senate Finance Committee suffered its first reversal when the method of taxing theatres was changed back to the old scheme. Scale of Licenses. Senator Wayneck, of Guilford, of— (Continued on Page Six.)

New Budget In Britain Omits All War Payments For The United States

Keeps Alien Property



Urey Woodson, newspaper publisher, of Owensboro, Ky., is definitely slated to be the new alien property custodian, according to Washington dispatches. For many years Woodson was Democratic national committeeman from Kentucky.

Neither is Any Account Taken of Payments from Any of Nation's Foreign Debtors

POLICY IS SAME AS THAT OF LAST YEAR

But \$95,550,000 Was Paid United States Last December 15; Next Installment Due This Country by Great Britain Is \$75,950,000 June 15

London, April 25.—(AP)—Chancellor of the Exchequer Neville Chamberlain announced in presenting his budget to the House of Commons today, that no provision will be made this year for war debt payments to the United States, or for receipts from foreign debtors.

This is the same policy Britain followed in last year's budget. Special provision was necessary for the debt installment paid to the United States last December.

"The past year has been one of substantial financial achievement, which was a necessary preliminary to the revival of activity," Mr. Chamberlain said.

The deficit for the last year was \$2,678,989 pounds (approximately \$26,800,000), he declared.

The deficit took into account \$28,900,000 paid to the United States on the war debts and \$17,250,000 paid to the sinking fund. There also has been a net reduction of debts during the year of 14,600,000 pounds.

Excluding the American debt payments, there was a net surplus during the last year of about \$11,250,000.

The actual expenditure in round figures last year was 777,000,000 pounds (about \$2,253,000,000) while revenue was 745,000,000 pounds (about \$2,180,000,000).

BRITAIN HAS \$75,950,000 DUE TO UNITED STATES JUNE 15

Washington, April 25.—(AP)—The amount due from Great Britain on its war debts June 15 is \$75,950,000. The largest single debtor to the United States, Great Britain on December 15 paid an installment of \$95,550,000. Its total now owed and funded over a long period of years is \$4,499,820,000.

Hope Diamond Is Offered For Loan On Big Newspaper

Washington, April 25.—(AP)—The world famed "Hope diamond" has been offered by Mrs. Evelyn Walsh McLean, estranged wife of the former publisher of the Washington Post, as security for a loan which she hopes to use to save the newspaper for her son.

Along with the diamond, Mrs. McLean had placed in the hands of a Washington dealer a pigeon-blood ruby, a collection of emeralds, sapphires and a snuff box of diamonds and emeralds that once was the property of a sultan of Turkey.

Manchukuo Demanding 'Fair Play'

Tokyo, April 25.—(AP)—The Manchukuo governments promise of an open door and equal opportunity in trade in Manchuria pre-supposes reciprocity by other nations and consequently is applicable only to countries which recognize Manchukuo.

This significant assertion was made today by Kokuro Komai, privy counselor for Manchukuo, in an exclusive interview with the Associated Press. Komai was one of the principal Japanese actors in the dramatic and other privileges in Manchukuo events resulting in the founding of the new government last year in territory seized from Chinese rule. He is at present in Tokyo conducting a campaign of education in behalf of the Japan-Manchukuo economic bloc. This group seeks special tariffs for Japan.

Try This at 78!



George Washington Maurer. For the past 18 years, ever since he turned 60, George Washington Maurer, a farmer of Dale, N. Y., has been standing on his head on his birthday just to convince himself that his health is good. A cameraman caught him practicing on the living room floor while preparing to entertain his grandchildren May 13, date of his seventy-eighth birthday.

TENNESSEE VALLEY DEVELOPMENT BILL PASSED BY HOUSE

Proposal for Vast Development Project Approved By 306 to 91 Vote of Members

EFFORT TO REFER BILL BACK FAILS

Home Mortgage Bill Favorably Reported by House Committee; Republicans And Free Silver Democrats May Combine Against Roosevelt's Inflation Bill

Washington, April 25 (AP)—The Roosevelt program for building a vast development of the Tennessee valley round the Muscle Shoals property was passed today by the House and sent to the Senate.

The vote was 306 to 91 and came after the House had rejected 362 to 68, a motion by Representative Ranking, Democrat, Mississippi, to send the measure back to committee to substitute for it the Norris bill which now is pending in the Senate.

The final ballot ended several days of debate, during which all amendments were barred.

Home Mortgage Bill Reported

The House Banking Committee today ordered favorably reported the Roosevelt \$2,000,000,000 home mortgage refinancing bill.

Free Silver Group Forming

Talk of a possible coalition of regular Republicans and "Free Silver" Democrats to eliminate the gold content reduction clause from the inflation bill and to put over the free coinage of silver amendment of Senators Wheeler and King with the rounds of the Senate today as debate was resumed on the floor.

Lane Jury Might Convict Only One In Murder Trial

Hartford, April 25 (AP)—The jury deliberating the fate of Mr. and Mrs. George K. Lane, charged with murder of Lane's 17-year-old son Woodrow, today asked Judge G. V. Cowper whether it could agree as to one of the defendants and disagree as to the other.

FAREWELL LETTER GIVEN BY SUICIDE

Rochester, N. Y., April 25.—(AP)—Edwin C. Redfern, brother of Richard G. Redfern, who is believed by police to be the man who jumped from Veterans Memorial bridge yesterday, said in a statement today he had received a farewell note from his brother, which was private and confidential.

Questioned in regard to a South American expedition in search of Paul Redfern, youthful aviator who disappeared in 1927 in an attempt to make a non-stop flight to Brazil, Redfern said any information he had in regard to the search for his brother was confidential and must remain so.

"It is public knowledge, however," Redfern said, "that an expedition did start from Para, Brazil, on the Amazon, under the leadership of one Tom Roche, and that my brother was interested in it. I never met any of the parties, and I know nothing about their good or bad faith. The presumption would be that they intended to do right."

WEATHER

FOR NORTH CAROLINA. Generally fair tonight and Wednesday, except probably showers and cooler in west portion in afternoon; slightly warmer in extreme west portion tonight.

ARMAMENTS BASIS OF DISCUSSION IN ROOSEVELT PARLEY

Envoy to Cuba



Sumner Welles, of Maryland, who recently took office as Assistant Secretary of State, is pictured as he left the White House after President Roosevelt had nominated him as United States Ambassador to Cuba. Welles was Assistant Secretary of State during the administration of President Wilson.

ROOSEVELT PARLEY CHEERS ARMS BODY

Furnishes Most Promising Moral Support Ever Had at Geneva Meet

SEEK TO CURB FEARS

European Nations Apprehensive Least Their Soil Be Invaded; Whole Negotiations Center on Germany and France

Geneva, April 25.—(AP)—President Roosevelt's conversations with foreign statesmen in Washington gave to the world disarmament conference, reopening today, the most promising moral support it has ever had.

The conference has reached the stage of considering concrete proposals for arms reductions which it is agreed are tied up inextricably with the measures for economic recovery being fitted at the Roosevelt talks.

Heretofore disarmament, like economic recovery, has been impeded by moral apprehension for the future. Norman H. Davis, United States ambassador-at-large, is here to put the same vigor in this conference that President Roosevelt is injecting in the broader fields of the problems. The main task is to allay fears of European nations that their national soil may be invaded.

The resumption of disarmament efforts is centered about Franco-German relations. The opinion is expressed by most delegates that if France and Germany would reach an armament agreement the whole problem of disarmament would take on a new aspect and soon find a solution.

W. C. T. U. Boycott Upon Beer Stores Is Being Planned

Charlotte, April 25.—(AP)—Plans for a "boycott" by women's Christian Temperance Union members against firms selling legal wines and beer were announced today by Mrs. T. P. Plemons, of Charlotte in charge of the State W. C. T. U. headquarters here.

World Economic Situation Is Also Studied by President, MacDonald and Herriot

CONSULTATIONS ARE IN IMPORTANT ROLE

Hull Points Out That Platforms of Both Political Parties Declare for Such Agreement; Geneva Arms Meeting Figures in Day's Discussions

Washington, April 25.—(AP)—The possibility of American agreement to consult with fellow signatories of the Paris peace pact in event of a threat of war increased today in the light of developments centering around the conferences between President Roosevelt and foreign statesmen.

Through another day of serious discussion on international economics and armaments, the President, Prime Minister MacDonald of Great Britain and former Premier Herriot of France worked toward assuring success for the London conference aimed to rehabilitate world trade and the moves already under way for armaments reductions.

Following a visit to the White House, where Mr. Roosevelt and Mr. MacDonald have been together, Secretary Hull pointed out in a press conference that the platform of both political parties declared in principle in favor of such consultative provisions to strengthen the Kellogg-Briand pact. He had been asked especially about the chances for this country joining in such an agreement.

The projected American adherence to a consultative agreement appeared to have a distinct bearing on the deadlock efforts for reduction and limitation of land, sea and air armaments in the conference which reported today at Geneva.

Judging from the advisers called into the White House Anglo-American meeting, armaments and related problems were among the uppermost there.

At the State Department, meanwhile, French experts allied with M. Herriot participated in their first extended exchange of views preparatory to their leader conferring with the President later in the day.

Utility Employee Given Ten Years On Embezzlement

Greensboro, April 25.—(AP)—W. J. Wenrick, former Southern Public Utilities Company employee here, pleaded guilty to charges of embezzling \$10,658 from 1927 to 1932 in superior court here today, and was sentenced to from ten to 15 years in State's Prison.

Sentence was passed by Judge Thomas J. Shaw just after Wenrick offered his plea.

The former utilities employee said he took the money for speculation in stocks and lost it.

First Call Issued For U.S. Camps

1,100 Men To Go To Charlotte From Nearby Counties for Examinations

Raleigh, April 25.—(AP)—Orders for immediate recruiting of 1,100 men from the Charlotte area to serve in the State's civilian corps in connection with President Roosevelt's reforestation program were issued today by the Governor's Office of Relief.

Employees With State Cut 25 Pct.

Raleigh, April 25.—(AP)—State department employees today received April pay checks reflecting a 25 percent cut in pay under the scale in effect in March.

Governor J. C. B. Ehringhaus, as director of the budget issued a memorandum ordering a modification in notices issued in March which forecast a salary cut of about 50 percent for April, May and June.

The chief executive also expressed hope that May and June payrolls may be liquidated on the same basis.

Governor Ehringhaus applied the new 25 percent cut to his own salary, which he reduced by 15 percent from the allotted \$10,000 yearly when he took office in January.

Accuse Nine Men With Homicide In Fatal Labor Feud

New York, April 25.—(AP)—Nine men were charged with homicide and malicious mischief today as the result today as the result of the bloodiest labor feud in recent years.

They were seized after monsters armed with pistols and lead pipes raided a left wing fur workers union yesterday, starting a battle in which one man was shot to death and a score injured.

Three of the injured are in hospitals in a critical condition.

SENATE TO AGREE UPON SALES LEVY

Three Percent Rate Expected To Be Acceptable to Upper House

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

PROMPT TAXPAYERS AGAINST REFUNDING

Think It Unjust To Allow Huge Discounts to the Delinquents

PENALIZES PAYMENTS

75 Percent of Public-Spirited Citizens Who Settle Their Accounts Would Have To Pay Part for Delinquents

Daily Dispatch Bureau, in the Sir Walter Hotel, BY J. C. BASKERVILLE. Raleigh, April 25.—Not only is Section 9 of the tax certificate refunding act (Senate Bill 180) unfair to all those taxpayers who pay their taxes promptly but if it is not removed from the act it will be likely to cause every county, city and town in the State to default on their bonds and notes, according to those who have been studying the question. In addition, it will be necessary for the governing bodies of these subdivisions to increase the tax rates at least one-third to make up for the loss of revenue that will result, it is maintained.

Section 9 of this act stipulates that not only may those owing back taxes from 1927 to 1932 pay these with all interest and penalties removed, if paid within the next five years, but that if these back taxes are paid before.

TEXTBOOK BATTLE TO BE BITTER ONE

Lines Forming for Struggle in House Over Changing of System

Daily Dispatch Bureau, in the Sir Walter Hotel, BY J. C. BASKERVILLE. Raleigh, April 25.—With the House scheduled to reach the bills within a few days either to abolish the present two school textbook commissions and prohibit any new adoption of textbooks for ten years or to change the present method of adopting and distributing textbooks, lines are being drawn tighter and tighter for one of the bitterest battles of the entire session. This battle has been going underneath the surface for weeks as the textbook trust lobbyists, aided and abetted by the school forces and their

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