

Revenue Measure Facing Possible Hitch In Senate

Graham Rules Conferees' Report Contains New Matter and Is Open for Amendments

SCHOOL MACHINERY BILL HANGS FIRE

34 University Trustees Are Elected at Joint Session of Senate and House; Clause Requiring Sales Tax To Be Passed on Has Been Omitted

Raleigh, May 9.—(AP)—The conferees' report on the biennial revenue bill faced a possible hitch today when Lieutenant Governor A. H. Graham, presiding officer of the State Senate, ruled that the report included new matter, and, therefore, was open to amendments.

The Senate was considering the adoption of the report already approved by the House, when Senator Waynick, of Guilford, asked if the report could be amended from the floor, a stipulation a provision requiring merchants to pass on the three percent modified sales tax, and also change the designation of the sales tax.

Lieutenant Governor Graham ruled that amendments would be in order as the conference had exceeded its authority.

There was no announcement as to whether amendments would be offered or not, but if a material change is made in the report in the Senate, it will preclude any possibility of legislative adjournment this week.

While the matter of adjournment also hung in the balance awaiting House action on the biennial school machinery bill, the lower legislative division spent two hours on its local calendar, met in joint session with the Senate to elect trustees of the University of North Carolina, and re-

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STRONG EARTHQUAKE IS FELT IN MEXICO

Mexico City, May 9.—(AP)—Thousands of persons throughout south central Mexico slept in the open last night during the repetition of three strong earthquakes felt throughout the section.

Gandhi Develops Nausea as Result Of 3-Weeks Fast

Poona, India, May 9.—(AP)—The Mahatma Gandhi, whose three weeks fast is just beginning, showed symptoms of nausea this evening.

A well known Bombay physician was summoned to Poona by Gandhi's friends, who fear that the fast, started Monday in protest against treatment of the lowest castes, may cost him his life.

The Mahatma is endeavoring to survive his three weeks fast on a diet of boiled water, salt and soda.

The spiritual leader of millions in India is just as certain that he will survive as are physicians that he will die.

The Mahatma is passing the period of the fast in the sumptuous Poona bungalow of a devoted follower.

Buck Takes Blame For Kidnaping

Kenneth Says He Is Solely Responsible for Abducting McMath Girl

Barnstable, Mass., May 9.—(AP)—Kenneth Buck, alleged kidnaper of Peggy McMath, today exonerated his brother, Cyril, also under arrest, of any part in the abduction. In a sworn statement made at the Barnstable county jail, where both men are held awaiting a hearing on May 22, Kenneth told Police Chief Edward E. Hall, of Harwich, that he alone was to blame and responsible for the crime. Hall said Kenneth declared that he could "implicate no other person."

Mrs. Owen's Aide



Mary Norman Hopkins European court affairs are the immediate concern of Miss Mary Norman Hopkins, above, of Gadsden, Ala., since she is the social secretary of Mrs. Ruth Bryan Owen, American minister to Denmark. Miss Hopkins will have to settle questions of rank, seniority, etiquette and the like at state affairs.

UPHILL MOVE FOR WAGES IS STARTED

In Scattered Sections of Nation Increased Pay Is Given Workers

EAST CAROLINA RISES

Strawberry and Peas Harvests and Sales Result in Huge Turnover; Three Billion Building Program Ready

(By the Associated Press) In scattered regions wages started uphill today and employment gained momentum.

Activity in connection with truck farming in Eastern North Carolina has given employment to thousands who a few weeks ago numbered them selves among the unemployed.

Field workers have moved from Goldsboro and other communities into fields to harvest strawberries, peas and other crops.

Thousands of dollars from the sale of produce is being exchanged, and estimates placed the turn-over through the sale of berries and produce at from \$50,000 to \$75,000.

The Planters Nut and Chocolate Company of Suffolk, Va., announced a 20 per cent pay increase for more than 700 employees, effective Thursday.

The Norwalk, Conn., Tire and Rub-

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Rival Salvage Crews Seek Lost Treasure Off Norfolk

Coast Guard Cutter Summoned to Scene by Both Sides To Protect Claims to Sunken Liner Merida, Which Went Down off Capes Twenty Years Ago

Norfolk, Va., May 9.—(AP)—The coast guard cutter Davis, summoned to the scene yesterday by both rival factions seeking to salvage the treasure of the sunken Ward Line steamer Merida, is standing by today to prevent an open clash between expeditions headed by Captain H. L. Bowdoin and Captain John Hall. The cutter, steaming full speed to the scene, after Captain Bowdoin, aboard the tug Salvor, and Captain Hall aboard the trawler Theresa and Dan, each had called for assistance, arrived at the scene of salvage operations 60 miles off the Virginia capes last night at 9:40 o'clock. In his message, Captain Bowdoin, who left Norfolk early Sunday morning aboard the Salvor to resume operation begun last summer, stated he was being "threatened by interlopers."

AMERICA'S HOPES FOR ARMISTICE ON TARIFFS SOAR UP

Prospects for British Agreement to Truce Encourage Officials in Washington

OTHER COUNTRIES FAVORABLE TO IT

Roosevelt Administration Goes Ahead With Its Conversations Aimed At Smoothing Way for London Economic Conference; Another Visitor Here

Washington, May 9.—(AP)—American hopes for an armistice on tariff boosting to create a favorable atmosphere for the world economic conference in London soared upward today with prospects of British agreements to an immediate tariff truce.

With Great Britain backing the proposal, officials expect complete success. Other major countries have already indicated support.

Encouraged, despite the ever-present shadow of complications arising out of war debts, the Roosevelt administration went ahead with its conversations aimed at smoothing the way for the London conference, now less than five weeks off.

Secretary Hull undertook discussions with Finance Minister T. V. Soong, of China. Later conversations were to be resumed with Dr. Hjalmar Schacht, the German representative.

Tomorrow the eighth of the eleven nations invited by the President for these preliminary talks will appear with arrival of the Mexican finance minister.

With all of these the tariff truce will be taken up. The German representative already has indicated approval. So was Italy. France and Japan have indicated acceptance, with reservations. Belgium yesterday accepted unconditionally.

SYNDICALIST RISING IS CURBED IN SPAIN

Madrid, Spain, May 9.—(AP)—One death, numerous injuries, scores of bombings and the tearing up of railway lines marked the beginning today of a two-day general strike which syndicalists sought to make nationwide.

The strike was reported effective in various parts of the country, but the government immediately invoked extreme measures to curb the demonstrations.

BIG STATE SAVING ON LICENSE PLATES

Tag Will Be Smaller and of Different, Cheaper Color Next Year

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

Raleigh, May 9.—By making the 1934 automobile license plates two inches shorter and half an inch narrower, using black instead of blue enamel and a thinner gauge steel, the State of North Carolina will save \$9,109.22 on the cost of its license plates for next year, it was announced today by A. S. Brower, director of the Division of Purchase and Contract. More than \$1,250 will be saved.

Yet after more than four months of deliberation, in which the question of a sales tax has been constantly dominant, both houses of the General Assembly are at last concurring in a revenue bill containing a provision for a three per cent general sales tax on everything except flour, meal, molasses sugar, meat, milk and coffee.

Working of Legislative Mind. Many people are frankly unable to understand why, if 90 per cent of the members of both houses have been and still are opposed to the principle of the sales tax, a majority finally

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Likely Rail Czar



Joseph B. Eastman

This is a new photo of Joseph B. Eastman, member of the Interstate Commerce commission, who probably will be federal co-ordinator of railroads. It will be the duty of the co-ordinator to effect economies through a year's suspension of anti-trust laws governing railroads if the administration's rail bill passes congress.

WHY LEGISLATURE VOTED SALES TAX BRIEFLY OUTLINED

Budget Had To Be Balanced, Schools Kept Open, and Property Taxes Sharply Reduced

GENERAL ASSEMBLY SAW NO OTHER WAY

Chaos Would Have Resulted Had Not Budget Been Balanced, and Expenses Were Pined to Lowest Possible Point at Which Safety Remained

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

Raleigh, May 9.—Not many members of the General Assembly were in favor of any kind of sales tax when they came here January 4, and not many of them are personally convinced that a sales tax is a sound tax even now, although a majority in both the Senate and House has voted for a three per cent general sales tax, most observers here agree. Not more than 10 per cent of the members in either house came to the General Assembly committed to and in favor of a sales tax. In fact, most of them came here determined not to vote for a sales tax or at least not until every possible effort had been made to find the necessary revenue from other sources.

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WAVE OF LIBERALISM HITS THIS YEAR'S LEGISLATURE

1933 Crop of Law-Makers Have Not Feared To Tread on New Ground and Blaze New Trails, With Result Many Old Customers Have Been Changed

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

Raleigh, May 9.—It is generally agreed by observers here that the so-called "Committee General Assembly of 1933, now in its dying days, has done more to upset the prevailing order of things than any other body of law-makers in recent years. For one thing it has taken the State off the property standard for the next two years, at least—and imposed a new-fangled sales tax, which it borrowed from Mississippi. But this was not the only no man's land upon which the legislature dared to tread, and unlike other legislatures of recent years, it has refused to be stamped by moral reformers, with the result that

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MACDONALD FEELS SURE OF TARIFFS ACCORD WITH U. S.

Every Prospect of Reaching Agreement, Prime Minister Tells House Of Commons

PROTEST INTEREST BOTH GOVERNMENTS

Further Exchanges Have Been Had Between Washington and London; Touches Also On War Debts, Declaring Aim Must Be for Permanent Settlement

London, May 9.—(AP)—Prime Minister Ramsay MacDonald announced in the House of Commons today that there was every prospect of reaching an agreement between Britain and the United States as to the advisability of an immediate tariff truce.

"There have been further exchanges of views with the United States government," the prime minister said, "and I am now in position to say that, subject to settlement of the actual words, and, while protesting the essential positions of both governments, there is every prospect of reaching an agreement between them as to the advisability of an immediate tariff truce."

Mr. MacDonald said the truce would not prevent continuation of work which Britain now has begun, or was developing, in accordance with announcements already made in the House.

This reference to work before the Commons evidently was an allusion to British trade negotiations recently made or announced as pending.

The prime minister also touched on the war debts issue saying that "our aim must be a permanent settlement."

He declared that June 15, the due date of the next installment, would be an awkward hurdle.

Lindbergh Ready For Testimony In Hearing of Means

Washington, May 9.—(AP)—Preparatory to hearing testimony from Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh about the kidnaping of his infant son more than a year ago, the District of Columbia Supreme Court today listened to the relation by Mrs. Evelyn Walsh McLean of the activities she undertook in an effort to obtain the return of the child.

In her negotiations the estranged wife of the former Washington publisher lost \$104,000 in a hoax by Gaston B. Means and Norman T. Whitaker.

Colonel and Mrs. Lindbergh arrived here last night by plane and visited friends before going to the court this morning.

SIGHS OF RELIEF HEARD IN RALEIGH

Legislative Members and Revenue Department Glad End Is Near

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

Raleigh, May 9.—Members of the General Assembly, who have been in Raleigh since early in January and have gone without pay since early in March, heaved a big sigh of relief

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House Backs Up Administration On Farm Measure

Farm Administrator?



George Peek, of Moline, Ill., who, it is reported in Washington, will be the likely appointee for the position of Chief Administrator of the farm measure now near final passage in Congress. Peek, long a student of agricultural problems, recently participated in a White House conference on the application of the bill, designed to raise the price of farm commodities.

FRENCH SEEK NEW CONCESSIONS HERE

Ambassador Ordered To Continue Debt Negotiations in Washington

PAYMENT IS REFUSED

Cabinet in Paris Again Declines To Pay December Interest Without Moratorium; Herriot Leads Opposition

Paris, May 9.—(AP)—Andre de Laboulaye, French ambassador at Washington, was entrusted with further debt negotiations by the cabinet today, which confirmed yesterday's decision against paying the defaulted \$19,000,000 interest due last December 15 unless a moratorium on the payment due June 15 is certain or there is an equivalent development.

The ambassador also will continue other discussions started by Edouard Herriot, special envoy, on his recent trip to Washington.

Herriot, it was learned, definitely recommended immediate payment of the debt interest defaulted last December, but the cabinet, presided over by President Albert LeBrun, rejected the proposal.

Herriot's friends expect him to lead an active fight in the Chamber of Deputies against the government's views.

MAN WHO COINED WAR PHRASE DIES

San Francisco, Cal., May 9.—(AP)—A heart ailment has ended the life of the army officer coined the ringing war-time phrase, "Lafayette, we are here."

Colonel Charles E. Stanton, 74, whose declaration was made July 4, 1917 in Paris before the tomb of the Frenchman who aided the American colonies in the Revolutionary War, died last night. He was stricken ill less than a week ago.

Japs Take New Lines Of Chinese

Tokyo, May 9.—(AP)—Sweeping through the city of Funing, Major General Teizo Hiraga's 29th Japanese infantry brigade today assaulted the Chinese positions at Changli in north eastern China below the Great Wall, and bitter fighting was progressing, Japanese sources reported.

Farther west, Major General Kunizo Matsuda smashed two Chinese resistance centers with his eleventh infantry brigade and was approaching Anshaw with the intention of cutting off the Chinese retreat from Changli.

The Shanhaikwan correspondent of the Rengo (Japanese) News Agency said several hours of bitter street fighting preceded the capture of Tsienan, another town in the area, by Major General Yoshiki Takata's 36th infantry brigade.

Six hundred Chinese bodies were found in Tsienan, the Rengo correspondent reported, and the Japanese lost two dead and nine wounded.

WEATHER

FOR NORTH CAROLINA. Mostly cloudy tonight and Wednesday; showers and local thunderstorms Wednesday an din west and north central portions tonight; slightly warmer except in extreme south portion tonight; warmer in extreme northeast and cooler in west portion Wednesday.

COST OF PRODUCTION AMENDMENT IS REJECTED BY HOUSE, APPROVING REST OF THE BILL

SENATE EXPECTED TO ACT TOMORROW

Proposal Then Will Go To President For His Signature and To Become Law; \$500,000,000 Relief Grant to States Next Business for the House

Washington, May 9.—(AP)—The House stood squarely by the administration today, rejecting the cost of production amendment to the vast farm relief inflation bill, approving the rest of the measure, and putting it up to the Senate, where quick agreement was expected.

The Senate action, due tomorrow, will be the last step necessary to send the bill to President Roosevelt for signature unless present indications are reversed, and the senators decide to hold out for the Norris-Simpson clause, which seeks to guarantee the cost of production and a reasonable profit to the farmer.

The House stana was voted after the members adopted the rule offered by the Democratic leaders to prevent Republican opponents from making further technical delays. Only yesterday they had blocked the vote by making the point of order against a change in the bill by the conferees. Today's rule forbids any more points of order.

Caught up with work, the senators held no session today, but the Interstate Commerce Committee conducted a hearing on the railroad reorganization bill, with Commissioner Eastman of the I. C. C., Secretary Roper and others testifying. Eastman said economy would compel reduction of railroad employment, but maintained that wasteful practices could not be justified just to make jobs.

Quickly behind the farm bill, the House went at Muscle Shoals to send it to conference.

The next House job was approval of the conference report on the Wag-

Efforts to Blow Up City Hall At Savannah Found

Savannah, Ga., May 9.—(AP)—An effort was made to blow up the city hall today with dynamite. Eight sticks of dynamite with fuse attached and lighted were found by a visitor in the city hall shortly before 1 o'clock this afternoon.

The dynamite, wrapped in brown paper, and tied with silk cord, was discovered in a corner of the rotunda on the second floor by Thomas D. Pruitt, who was in the city hall on business. He cut the paper open and discovered the dynamite.