

ROOSEVELT IS ASSURED OF SUPPORT IN HOUSE

CLAIMS AIR MAIL CONTRACTS GIVEN WITHOUT BIDDINGS

Witness Tells Senate Committee Postmaster General Brown Ignored Congress Order

FILES WERE BURNED BEFORE LAST MARCH

Postal Inspectors Discover Brown Had Some of His Records Destroyed Before Retiring With Hoover; Brown Himself Makes Denial in New York City

Washington, Jan. 9.—(AP)—Paul Henderson, former assistant postmaster general, told Senate investigators today that Postmaster General Brown awarded about 5,000 miles of air mail contracts without competitive bidding after Congress had specifically refused him this authority.

The investigators were told that portions of both official and personal files of the postmaster general in the Hoover administration had been burned just before March 4.

"So I took them down to the furnace and destroyed them," said James Mahon, stenographer to Brown and one of his predecessors, after testifying that he had orders to that effect from Brown's secretary.

Questioned about these developments before the ocean and air mail investigating committee, William W. Howse, assistant postmaster general, told newsmen that the discovery that Brown had destroyed some papers was made by postal inspectors investigating mail contracts in collaboration with them committee.

BROWN ISSUES DENIAL OF DESTROYING HIS RECORDS

New York, Jan. 9.—(AP)—Former Postmaster General Brown today declared that no official files from his office had been destroyed prior to his leaving office last March.

"No activities of the Post Office Department during my four years as its head warrant any criticism," Brown said.

Kent Cooper, Head Associated Press, To Visit Raleigh

Raleigh, Jan. 9 (AP)—Kent Cooper, general manager of the Associated Press, will attend a Statewide meeting of members of the Associated Press here January 17.

Mr. Cooper will be the honor guest at a luncheon of publishers and Associated Press members of North Carolina at the Sir Walter hotel here at 12:30 that day.

The distinguished visitor, who had been scheduled to address the North Carolina Press Institute at Chapel Hill, will be unable to keep that engagement due to pressing business which will call him back to New York on the afternoon of that day.

Navy Planes On First Lap Hawaii Trip

Fly from San Diego to San Francisco Preparatory to Honolulu Jaunt

San Diego, Cal., Jan. 9.—(AP)—Off for a lap to San Francisco and then a non-stop mass flight to Honolulu, six giant navy seaplanes leave here today with the commander-in-chief of the United States fleet as a passenger.

Admiral David S. Sellers will accompany the squadron only to San Francisco aboard the plane of Lieutenant Commander Kneffler McGinnis, in charge of the flight.

Commander McGinnis said the 2,400-mile flight from San Diego to Honolulu, the first by any aircraft in winter, and the longest hop attempted by a seaplane squadron, may start Thursday.

First Soviet Envoy to U. S. With Family



Newest members of the capital diplomatic set are Soviet Ambassador M. Troyanovsky and his family, who reopen the old Russian Imperial Embassy, closed for sixteen years. William C. Bullitt, first American Ambassador to Soviet Russia, accompanied the Troyanovskys to this country. (Central Press)

Democrats Delay Plans For Gag Rule In House To Bolster Their Lines

Tobacco Rentals Almost \$9,000,000

Raleigh, Jan. 9 (AP)—E. Y. Floyd, State director of the tobacco reduction campaign, said today that flue-cured tobacco growers of the State who have signed AAA production control contracts should receive almost \$9,000,000 in rental and benefit payments.

The amount of equalization payments also to be paid them has not been figured, he said. Additional returns through better prices next fall will also result from the program, Floyd said.

CHICAGO GETS ITS MILK BY AIRPLANE

Farm Blockade Causes Acute Shortage in Supply for Metropolis

Chicago, Jan. 9.—(AP)—Regular shipments of milk into Chicago by airplane were started today as the fourth day of the city's milk blockade brought an acute shortage to the metropolis.

The first shipment was 1,000 quarts and police were summoned to the municipal airport to guard the milk.

Only small amounts of milk reached the city today and the shortage had developed to such an extent that thousands of families were without any, serving only small amounts of it.

Patrons of some hotels and restaurants received less than half an ounce of cream with their morning coffee. Hospitals and families with small children continued to receive emergency deliveries from large dairies.

WEATHER FOR NORTH CAROLINA.

Mostly cloudy and slightly colder; probably light local snows in extreme west portion tonight; Wednesday generally fair.

Liquor Largely Blamed For Tragic Kyoto Panic

Kyoto, Japan, Jan. 9 (AP)—Liquor was held largely responsible by rail-way authorities today for a panic in which 80 persons lost their lives.

The authorities said unsteady drinkers of sake caused the commotion in the Kyoto railway station yesterday which resulted in an uncontrollable stampede. Liquor, they added, increased the crowd's unruliness.

Move Is Designed To Safeguard Roosevelt Program Against Interruption by Minority

BACKERS OPPOSED PROCEDURE BEFORE

Minority To Remind Them of Their Attitude Two Years Ago; Plan Is to Make It Harder To Get Bills Out of Committee and on Floor of the House

Washington, Jan. 9.—(AP)—A drive to impose what minority factions termed a "gag rule" in the House, designed to safeguard the Roosevelt program against interruption, today was temporarily halted while its Democratic proponents rallied to make sure of success.

Opponents of the projected alterations in house rules already have served notice that when the proposal is brought up for debate, they themselves opposed it two years ago as "gag rule."

The new rule would require that a majority of the House membership sign a petition to force consideration of a bill on the floor. That could mean 218 signatures if all 435 House seats were full. The rule now requires but 145 signers.

The 218 rule was a heritage from the Republican House regime which ended in December, 1931.

Under the leadership of the then Speaker, and now Vice-President, Garner, the Democrats reduced that number to 145.

WOMAN MISSING FOR TWO DAYS IS FOUND

Georgetown, S. C., Jan. 9 (AP)—Mrs. Van Wyck Ferris, of Wilmington, Del., missing from her mother's winter home since Sunday, was found today on North Island and told a story of spending two days and nights there without food or shelter after being carried there by the tide while swimming in Winyah bay.

No trace of the Wilmington, Del., woman had been reported since her bath robe and slippers were found near the water's edge yesterday.

Next Move Up to Government With The Cannon Case

Washington, Jan. 9.—(AP)—With the next step in the Bishop James Cannon, Jr., conspiracy case up to the government, Leslie C. Garnett, district attorney designate for Washington, said today it would be "one of the first matters I'll take up when I assume office."

The Supreme Court yesterday decided the Southern Methodist churchman and his secretary, Ada L. Burroughs, of Richmond, must stand trial on a charge that they conspired to violate the corrupt practices act in the 1928 presidential campaign when they were handling funds for the campaign against Alfred E. Smith in the South.

JEFFRESS EXPECTS MORE ROAD MONEY

Hundreds of Miles of Highway in State Could Be Done With It

WARREN IS FAVORABLE

First District Congressman Hopes For \$400,000,000 Appropriation, Which Means \$9,500,000 for This State

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

Raleigh, Jan. 9.—Chairman E. B. Jeffress is hoping that Congress will appropriate another \$400,000,000 for use in the further construction of Federal aid highways, since North Carolina would then get another \$9,500,000 to use in completing or rebuilding highways now included in the 6,100 miles of roads now in the Federal aid system in the State, he said today.

At the present time almost all of the \$9,500,000 which the State received last year from the Public Works Administration for highway construction, has been allocated, though not all of the work has yet been contracted for.

There are still hundreds of miles of highways within the Federal aid system that either need improving or rebuilding, however, Chairman Jeffress pointed out.

"If we can get another \$9,500,000 from the government for use on the Federal aid roads in the State, we can put these roads in excellent condition," the chairman of the State Highways and Public Works Committee said. "If we do not get this additional money, however, a great many roads that really need improvement are going to have to stay as they now are for a long time, since there is nothing to indicate that the State will have any money to spend on new highway construction for a long time yet."

Chairman Jeffress is very hopeful that this Congress will again make another appropriation of at least \$400,000,000 for Federal aid highway construction. He has received a letter from Congressman Lindsay Warren, in which the congressman said that he regarded highway construction as among the most beneficial of public works undertakings and that he was going to continue to work for another appropriation for that purpose.

Other of the State's congressmen are also understood to be in favor of another Federal appropriation for roads.

Unless another appropriation to continue the highway building program is forthcoming, thousands of those who have been given employ-

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Soldiers Guard French Chamber After Charges Over Swindler's Death

Stavisky "Knew Too Much" on High Officials in \$40,000,000 Crash of Bayonne Bank

SLAIN BY OFFICERS, NEWSPAPERS CLAIM

Statement That Stavisky Shot Himself Questioned by Other Organs; Premier Chautemps Hastes To Revamp His Cabinet in Face of Grave Crisis

Paris, Jan. 9.—(AP)—Huge forces of mounted and foot police were rushed to the Place Bourbon today to surround the Chamber of Deputies and guard it against a demonstration resulting from reports that police had killed Serge Stavisky, alleged swindler, to keep him from talking.

Open charges that Stavisky, founder of the fallen Bayonne Municipal Pawn Shop, was slain by secret service agents because he knew too much involving high police officials, were published today in the Socialist Populaire and the Communist Humanite.

Other opposition papers questioned the truth of the statement by authorities that Stavisky shot himself in the head when surrounded late yesterday near Chamonix.

The newspaper Action Francaise, calling for a huge demonstration before the Chamber of Deputies tonight, said:

"Down with thieves—down with assassins!"

Premier Chautemps lost no time in revamping his endangered cabinet as a result of the midnight resignation of Colonial Minister Albert Dalimier, accused by police of indirect implication in the Bayonne scandal.

He named Lucien Lamoureux, minister of labor, to replace Dalimier. Merchant Marine Minister Eugene Frot going to labor, and Under Secretary William Bertrand, of the ministry of the interior, moving into Frot's position.

Stavisky's death in a hospital at Chamonix early today complicated the investigation of the scandal growing out of the collapse of the bank and the resulting loss to investors of approximately \$40,000,000.

NASH NEGRO MOVED FOR SAFE KEEPING

Rocky Mount, Jan. 9 (AP)—Roland Taylor, Nash county Negro, was held in a neighboring county jail today for safe keeping after threats of mob violence for attacking Miss Bettie Sheriff C. L. Johnson to order his removal from the Nashville jail.

The Negro was arrested yesterday and placed in the Nash jail, but was removed last night when threats were heard against him.

REVIVAL OF SURRY SCANDAL POSSIBLE

Higgins Appointment to Fat Federal Job Mixed Up in Latest Gossip

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Raleigh, Jan. 9.—The revival of alleged Surry county "primary scandal" of 1932 in connection with the prospective appointment of Carlisle Higgins as U. S. district attorney for the middle district, is regarded by most observers here as nothing more than the digging up of a dead cat that died back in the campaign between Governor J. C. B. Ehringhaus and Lieutenant Governor R. T. Fountain. And since virtually every one here involved in that campaign has given every indication of being willing to forget the bitterness and feeling that was aroused and to let bygones be bygones, with the possible exception of Attorney General Dennis G. Brummitt the prevailing belief in a good many minds here is that the attorney general must be the man who has dug up the dead cat.

It has been known here for several weeks that Solicitor Carlisle Higgins, of Sparta, has been recommended by Senator Josiah William Bailey for appointment in the United States district attorney in the middle district. Nor has it been believed that there was or would be any opposition to this appointment until the Raleigh News

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Puts Teeth in Law



Mrs. Elizabeth Bass Appointed Federal Narcotics Chief for Illinois, Indiana and Wisconsin by President Roosevelt on August 1. Mrs. Elizabeth Bass already has put the fear of the law into violators. Since taking office she secured 432 convictions out of 450 arrests of drug addicts. (Central Press)

REVOLT IN CHINA IS NEAR COLLAPSE

Crushing Victory Over Fokien Forces Claimed by National Regime

Nanking, China, Jan. 9 (AP)—National government forces, in a sweeping advantage over Fokien province rebels, fought their way today to within 25 miles of Foochow, capital of the province, Nanking military leaders claimed.

All of the rebel chiefs were in flight, it was said, with the exception of King Tai, commander of the 19th rout army, and chairman of the Fukien military council.

On the basis of these reports developments, National government leaders predicted the early overthrow of the revolutionary movement centered in Foochow.

15 Percent Cuts For U. S. Workers Extended To July

Washington, Jan. 9 (AP)—President Roosevelt today, by executive order, continued the 15 percent in pay of Federal employees for another six months.

In his budget message the President asked that the authority to cut be changed from 15 to ten percent, assuring restoration of one-third of the pay cut beginning July 1, the start of the fiscal year.

The President acted today upon the findings of the Department of Labor of the costs of living as provided by law.

Though Shorn Of Powers, Douglas Will Keep Post

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HOUSE DEMOCRATS PLEDGE PRESIDENT FULL COOPERATION

Committee Promises Happy Days for Recovery Program in Lower Branch of Congress

PROSPERITY NOT SO ROSY FOR SENATE

Liquor Regulation for District Discussed by House; Louisiana Delegations Tell Investigators Saunders Not Legally Elected To House Membership

Washington, Jan. 9.—(AP)—Sure of their strength, House Democrats made it a point today to tell President Roosevelt his program would be dispatched there, but the outlook was not so sanguine in the Senate for such matters as the St. Lawrence waterway treaty.

The Senate was in recess while the President worked on his messages advocating ratification of the treaty and asking Federal guarantee of principal as well as interest on the farm credit bonds.

Liquor regulation for the District of Columbia was all the House proper had to work on. Committees ground away at tax appropriation bills and looked ahead to the other big item of extending the Reconstruction Corporation lending authority for several years, and possibly adding a billion dollars to its capital.

The ways and means committee, where all legislation must originate, heard Representative Patman, Democrat, Texas, condemn tax secrecy as a "badge of fraud." The bill tightening income tax laws is expected to be ready next week.

Advocates of the St. Lawrence treaty in the Senate professed confidence in their ability to get it ratified, and foes are emphatic in denial. The Roosevelt message, going up tomorrow, should bring an early focus.

Representative Crosser, of Ohio, and four other members of the House Democratic steering committee, comprised the group that waited upon the President. They spoke as one in giving assurance of happy days for the administration program under the heavy Democratic majority in the House.

A House elections committee received testimony from Louisiana State officials that the election of J. Y. Sanders, Jr., to the House was "illegal." The contest over the seat first claimed by Mrs. Bolivar E. Kemp is being heard for possible conclusion as soon as possible.

The Senate Banking Committee called Chairman Jesse H. Jones, of the Reconstruction Corporation, to appear late in the day for examination of his proposal to extend the life of the corporation and increase its borrowing power.

Liquor And Auto Tag Cuts Before S. C. Legislature

Columbia, S. C., Jan. 9 (AP)—Two of the most controversial questions facing the South Carolina legislature—liquor control and auto tag fee reductions—were injected into the 1934 session today.

Less than an hour after the legislators convened, six automobile license emasures and a bill to provide for the sale and manufacture of liquor under county control, with local option, were introduced.

The liquor control measure was offered in the House by four members, and sent to the judiciary committee of that chamber.

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powers only recently handed to Douglas for checking on emergency expenditures. He modified a previous order making budget estimates a prerequisite for emergency spending, to require in the future only weekly reports to the budget director.

Both Secretary Ickes and Harry Hopkins, the civil works administrator, were said to have objected at the White House that the original ruling might slow down public works and CWA disbursements.