

Near 17 Millions For Public Works Sought By State

Requests by Political Sub-Divisions Amount to \$16,553,549, Dr. Baity Announces

SOME TURNED DOWN ALREADY, HOWEVER

Requests for Loans Involve 129 Applications from 106 Localities for 242 Projects; Estimated North Carolina Is Entitled to \$80,000,000 From Government Fund

Chapel Hill, Jan. 13.—A tabulation of the exact status of every North Carolina application for a loan made through the Emergency Federal Public Works Administration, showing which have been approved or disapproved by Washington, and other interesting facts regarding the requests, was announced here today by Dr. Herman G. Baity, State Engineer.

The report, which is as of January 10, shows that total applications to date have amounted to \$16,553,549, involving 129 applications from 106 localities and 242 projects. It has been estimated on the basis of population that North Carolina is entitled to as much as \$80,000,000 of this PWA money.

Although the \$3,300,000,000 voted by the last Congress for the PWA has been allocated, Secretary Ickes has authorized all state offices to continue to stimulate the submission of applications.

Originally January 1, last was set as the deadline for receiving applications, but anticipating another appropriation by this Congress Secretary Ickes rescinded his original order.

"There appears such a strong likelihood that another appropriation will be made for the PWA that I consider an application made now has just as good a chance of receiving favorable action as one made last month," Dr. Baity said today.

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Early Move On Currency In Prospect

Lengthy Conference at White House With Finance Aides Forecasts Action

Washington, Jan. 13 (AP)—President Roosevelt resumed monetary conferences today with his financial and legal aides.

Conferees at the White House after the two-hour parley were silent, but the conviction grew that the President was preparing for an early new move in his managed currency campaign.

Secretary Morgenthau, Attorney General Cummings, Earle Baile, assistant to Morgenthau, and Herman C. Elphinstone, counsel to Morgenthau, attended the White House meeting.

All refused to comment, but did indicate that no announcement was in prospect over the week-end.

Taking over the gold held by the Federal Reserve System is generally regarded as the next most likely step preliminary to permanent devaluation of the dollar.

December Consumption Of Cotton Shows A Decline

Washington, Jan. 13.—(AP)—Cotton consumed during December was reported today by the Census Bureau to have totalled 248,393 bales of lint, and 21,624 of linters, compared with 475,268 bales of lint and 59,111 of linters during November last year, and 440,439 of lint and 48,068 of linters in December, 1932.

Imports during December totalled 14,013 bales compared with 13,136 during November last year, and 10,742 during December, 1932.

Exports for December totalled 820,969 bales of lint, and 17,655 bales of linters, compared with 915,304 and

"Prepare for War"



Vice-Admiral Nobumasa Suetsugu Declaring Japan "must prepare for war with the United States" and that "in fact we are already preparing for it," Vice-Admiral Nobumasa Suetsugu, commander-in-chief of the Japanese fleet, charges in Tokyo that U. S. recognition of Russia "involves scheme to surround Japan for military purposes."

RALEIGH POLITICS GETTING HOT AGAIN

Near Approach of City to Bankruptcy Stirring Tongues To Wagging

Daily Dispatch Bureau In the Sir Walter Hotel, BY J. C. BASKERVILLE. Raleigh, Jan. 13.—The political situation here in Raleigh, always at a high pitch, is seething again as a result of the discovery that the city is in default to the amount of \$321,722 in the payment of interest and principal on bonds and current bills. The situation has been further aggravated by the refusal of the "Citizens' Committee" to approve an application for a loan of \$51,000 and which the Wachovia Bank and Trust Company has consequently refused to grant.

The enmeshment of the general situation was further heightened Friday afternoon when "The Raleigh Times" in a double column editorial on the front page, under the heading "Time for Action," virtually demanded that Commissioner of Public Safety J. H. Brown and Commissioner of Public Works Ed M. Barton resign forthwith. The contention here is that Commissioners Brown and Barton have not been cooperating with the "Citizens' Committee" but have been disregarding it and going ahead with

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NEW WORLD RECORD FOR SMALL PLANES

Miami, Fla., Jan. 13 (AP)—Boaring over a 100 kilometer closed course Jack Wright, of Utica, N. Y., today established a world's speed record for light cabin airplanes at 167.482 miles an hour. One hundred kilometers corresponds to 62.137 miles.

Bares Lindy "Gift"



D. M. Sheaffer Disclosure that Col. Charles A. Lindbergh received "gift" of \$250,000 in Transcontinental Air Transport stock in addition to a \$10,000 yearly salary was made by D. M. Sheaffer, chairman of company's executive committee before Senate committee investigating government airmail contracts.

(Central Press)

UTILITIES SET-UP GETS POLITICIANS MAD AT GOVERNOR

They Still Subscribe Strongly to the Idea That to the Victor Belongs the Spoils

EHRINGHAUS SOUGHT POTEAT VIEWPOINT

Wanted Slant Like His To Add Human Interest to Business; Educator's So-Called "Bullheadedness" Feared, However, by Some Political Observers

Daily Dispatch Bureau, In the Sir Walter Hotel, BY J. C. BASKERVILLE. Raleigh, Jan. 13.—The appointment of Dr. William Louis Poteat, president emeritus of Wake Forest College, and Professor Frank William Hanft, of the University of North Carolina law school, as associate utilities commissioners, is giving rise to the belief here that Governor J. C. B. Ehringhaus is going for the "brain trust" idea in a big way, and extending his experimentation with trained brains to the new Utilities Commission, of which Stanley Winborne is full-time commissioner. The first move by Governor Ehringhaus to emulate President Franklin D. Roosevelt and apply the "brain trust" idea in North Carolina was when he appointed Dr. Marcus Cicero Stephens Noble, Jr., for some six or seven years research specialist in the State Department of Public Instruction, as executive assistant commissioner of revenue. Many people in the State, especially the politicians and politically-minded, have not recovered from the shock of that appointment yet, and it is still having its reverberations.

Almost as much a surprise, if not actual shock, was caused by the announcement yesterday of the appointment of Dr. Poteat, a former college president, and Professor Hanft, a university professor, as the associate commissioners of the Utilities Commission. For while it was stated by this correspondent several days ago that these two appointments had been offered to two outstanding men in the State and that these two men were not among those whose names had been mentioned in connection

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Ehringhaus Gives Anderson Welcome To North Carolina

Raleigh, Jan. 13 (AP)—Heartley W. (Hunk) Anderson was welcomed to North Carolina State College today as head football coach by a crowd of 2,000 persons shortly after he had been greeted by Governor Ehringhaus.

Coach Anderson, who directed Notre Dame's football team as the successor to Knute Rockne, called on Governor Ehringhaus at the State Capitol before he went to the college for a formal reception on the campus.

"I am glad to welcome you to North Carolina State," the governor said, as he shook hands with Anderson. "I know you will like it here and you will have fine boys to deal with."

TOBACCO FARMERS DOUBLE REVENUES FROM THEIR CROP

Have Received \$75,836,477 This Year, Compared With \$32,505,889 for 1932 Sales

SEASON'S AVERAGE IS REPORTED AS \$16.11

December Average Was \$17.25, Compared With \$11.02 in December, 1932; Year's Sales Through December 470,840,955, As Against 268,421,876, 1932

Raleigh, Jan. 13.—(AP)—North Carolina tobacco producers had sold 470,840,955 pounds of tobacco at an average price of \$16.11 per hundred pounds up to January 1, the State-Federal Crop Reporting Service reported today.

The sales compared with 268,421,876 pounds at an average of \$12.11 per hundred pounds for the same period a year ago.

The report indicated Tar Heel farmers had received \$75,836,477 for their crop this year, compared with \$32,505,889 for the crop marketed during the same period last year.

The December state average price was \$17.25 per 100 pounds, approximately at the government parity estimate, but it was more than \$2 per hundred pounds lower than the November average of \$19.57.

The \$17.25 paid last month, however, was \$6 per hundred pounds better than the average of \$11.02 in December, 1932.

Opening of the Asheville burley tobacco market had a great deal to do with lowering the average. The 629,683 pounds of weed sold there averaged only \$11.87 per hundred.

Bright belt markets led the State in returns, the average for 27,740,778 pounds of producers' tobacco sold in the section being \$17.64 per hundred.

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Britain and Japan Plan Protection of Subjects in China

(By the Associated Press.) Units of the British and Japanese navies moved today to protect their citizens caught apparently between two fires in the Chinese coastal province of Fukien.

The cruiser H. M. S. Berrie was ordered by British authorities to steam from Hong Kong to Foochow, the capital of Fukien, to see to it that no Briton was molested in the fight between rebel and national forces.

Japan acted even before Great Britain, the traditionally prompt guardian of her subjects. A Japanese cruiser anchored at Manor, below Foochow, and landed a company of Marines there. They were withdrawn soon, however, when order was re-established.

Dispatches from various points in the Far East indicated that the Nationalist forces were victorious everywhere in their operations.

Democrats To Launch 1934 Drive

Congressional Groups Make Ready for Campaign for Elections

Washington, Jan. 13.—(AP)—The Democratic Congressional Committee today planned to start a concerted "Elect-Democrats-to-the-House" move next week at a meeting designed to settle the chairmanship question for next fall's campaign.

Confronted by an expressed desire of Representative Byrns, of Tennessee, party floor leader, to be relieved of the chairmanship of the congressional committee because of many duties, the members are casting about for a successor.

Many feel Byrns should be retained because of his prominence, and there is a move to draft him as the chairman for the coming campaign and give him an assistant to carry on the detail work.

The Republican Congressional Com-

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WEATHER FOR NORTH CAROLINA. Fair tonight and Sunday; little change in temperature.

Six Killed, Seven Injured As Three Boilers Explode In Big Hertford Oil Mill

'BUT I BURNED THEM UNDER ORDERS'



James Maher, a postoffice department clerk, is photographed on the witness stand before the special senate committee investigating the handling of air mail containers in Washington, as he testifies he burned, under orders,

the official and some of the personal files of former Postmaster General Walter E. Brown a few days before he left office last March 4. Brown, shown inset, has denied any official files were destroyed.

Civil Work Jobs Will Be Doubled

Washington, Jan. 13.—(AP)—Civil works employment in rural sections of eight southern states will be doubled under a new policy of the Civil Works Administration authorizing these states to trim the work week in half.

Harry J. Hopkins, the civil works head, instructed administrators in Georgia, North and South Carolina, Alabama, Mississippi, Arkansas, Texas and Oklahoma, that hours in areas of 2,500 population might be reduced from 30 to 15 hours a week.

PRICE RISE SEEN IN TOBACCO SALES

Pick-Up Revealed for First Week After the Long Holiday Period

Raleigh, Jan. 13.—(AP)—North Carolina's flue-cured tobacco markets reopened after a Christmas vacation, and the week just ended showed a slight rise in prices and breaks. Rain at the week-end, however, caused a slackening of sales, which officials said would give them time to "clean house" and prepare for larger breaks expected next week.

The Greenville market's season's sales passed the 69,100,000 mark, with an average of \$14.73. The season's total at Farmville was over 22,000,000 pounds, which sold for more than \$3,500,000, while at Oxford the season's poundage has gone to over 19,000,000 pounds.

At Durham sales picked up during the latter part of the week, and the season's average for 24,626,284 pounds was \$18.73.

Additional Codes Given Approval by Roosevelt, Johnson

Washington, Jan. 13 (AP)—President Roosevelt today approved a code to cover the general wholesale and distribution trade, at the same time ordering into effect codes for peanut millers and carpet and rug manufacturers.

At the same time, Hugh S. Johnson, under authority of an executive order which permits him to approve codes employing less than 50,000, signed a pact for this sanitary napkin and cleansing tissue industry.

FACTORY WRECKED WITH DAMAGE PUT AT ABOUT \$50,000

Engineer, a White Man, and Five Negro Helpers Are Known Dead in the Explosion

RESCUE CREWS ARE DIGGING THE RUINS

Fear Other Victims May Have Been Trapped; 25 Were in Plant at Time; Whole Town Shaken as if by Earthquake as Result of the Blast

Hertford, Jan. 13.—(AP)—At least six men were killed and seven injured here early today in an explosion of boilers at the Eastern Cotton Oil Company plant in the heart of Hertford.

The large plant was wrecked with damage estimated at approximately \$50,000.

Debris from the brick boiler room was scattered for more than 100 feet, and the entire town was shaken as though by an earthquake.

The known dead: J. C. Wilder, engineer; and five Negro helpers, Solicitor Wilson, John Wright, Kenly Forehand, George Broady, Jr., and Oscar Eason.

First reports said the blast, which occurred shortly after the night shift had left the plant, was caused by low water in the boilers, but later it was said this had not been substantiated. Rescue crews were at work in the

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Sentences Wiles For Execution

Columbia Man Who Kidnaped and Killed 15-Year-Old Boy To Be Electrocutated

Columbia, S. C., Jan. 13.—(AP)—Robert H. Wiles, 49-year-old mechanic today was sentenced to be electrocuted March 12 for the murder of Hubbard H. Harris, Jr., 15.

A Richlands county jury brushed aside an insanity plea and returned a verdict of guilty without recommendation to mercy after deliberating 22 minutes.

The verdict carried no alternative to the electric chair. Judge Hayne F. Rice pronounced the sentence as soon as the jurors filed back into the tensely crowded court room and announced their findings.

Defense counsel indicated they would urge mental examination of Wiles rather than seek to stave off his electrocution by a legal appeal.

Thomas P. Taylor, one of Wiles' attorneys, asked Judge Rice before the sentence was rendered if he would arrange for alienists to study Wiles' mind. The judge pointed out that there remained over 40 days in which to seek a court order for such action.

No motion for a new circuit court trial or notice for a Supreme Court appeal was given by Taylor and his associates.

Gold Price Held Steady As Dollar Value Planned

Washington, Jan. 13.—(AP)—The government's gold price was unchanged today at \$34.06 an ounce.

This offer for newly-mined domestic metal was posted for the 20th successive business day as the administration continued the longest record for a steady figure since buying began October 25.

During this period plans have been advanced for nationalizing all monetary gold, including the \$3,500,000,000 gold reserve of the Federal Reserve system.