

TIME IS NOT RIPE TO TAKE RAILROADS, EASTMAN DECLARES

Neither Consolidation Nor
Government Ownership
Advisable Now,
He Asserts

NATION RIGHT NOW
CANNOT STAND IT

Financial Strain of Acquir-
ing Great Properties Too
Much and Country Cannot
Stand Forced Consolidation;
Answer to Query Is
Given To Congress

Washington, Jan. 20.—(AP)—An-
swering the first of a series of ques-
tions asked him by Congress, Joseph
B. Eastman, federal coordinator of
transportation, held today the time
was not ripe for either nationwide
consolidation of railroads or govern-
ment ownership.

His answer to the query, "Is there
need for a radical or major change
in the organization, conduct or regu-
lation of the railroad industry
which can be accomplished by Fed-
eral legislation, was transmitted by
President Roosevelt to Congress.

The commission submitted the re-
port with a synopsis of Eastman's
views, but called attention to the
fact that it neither approved nor dis-
approved the findings.

Eastman concluded:
"The ultimate solution of the rail-
road problem is public ownership and
operation. The country is not now in

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Cotton Spinning Industry Operates 73.5 Pct. Capacity

Washington, Jan. 20.—(AP)—The cot-
ton spinning industry was reported
today by the Census Bureau to have
operated during December at 73.5 per
cent of capacity on a single shift basis
compared with 96.3 per cent in Novem-
ber last year and 87.2 per cent in De-
cember a year ago.

Spinning spindles in place Decem-
ber 31 totaled 30,938,240 of which 24-
840,870 were active at some time dur-
ing the month, compared with 30-
881,961, and 25,423,318 for November
last year, and 31,442,174 and 23,776,136
for December a year ago.

Active spindle hours for December
totalled 5,995,947,829, or an average of
165 hours per spindle in place, com-
pared with 6,796,420,109 and 220 in
November last year, and 6,386,218,252
and 203 in December a year ago.

North Carolina reported 1,064,464-
787 active spindle hours, and an aver-
age of 173 per spindle in place.

Louisiana's Seat Called Vacant Now

House Committee
Report Favors
Neither Sanders Nor
Mrs. Bolivar Kemp

Washington, Jan. 20.—(AP)—The
House Elections Committee, which in-
vestigated the Kemp-Sanders contest
from the sixth Louisiana congression-
al district, recommended today
that the seat be declared vacant.

Chairman Kerr, Democrat, North
Carolina, of the committee, said the
report had the unanimous agreement

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Bates And Bailey, Noted Criminals, Refuse To Eat

Washington, Jan. 20.—(AP)—Albert
W. Bates and Harvey J. Bailey, no-
torious criminals, are on hunger
strike in Leavenworth prison.

The Justice Department today made
the disclosure about the two, who
are serving sentences for the Urzchel
kidnaping.

Bates first to refuse to take food
on January 7, and his abstinence lasted
until January 19, when he was fed
forcibly.

Bailey has refused to eat since
January 15.

His Son Kidnaped



Adolph Bremer
Wealthy St. Paul, Minn., brewer
and close friend of President
Roosevelt, Adolph Bremer is asked
for \$200,000 by kidnapers who are
holding his son, Edward G. Bremer,
38, banker and heir to fortune,
under penalty of death. Adolph
Bremer is prominent Northwestern
Democrat.

(Central Press)

ANONYMOUS NOTE STATES KIDNAPED BANKER IS KILLED

Mysterious Missile Reaches
Hands of Minneapolis
Postmaster Bearing
Statement

CLAIMS KIDNAPING
WAS ALL MISTAKE

One of Gang Was Drunk
and "Please Forgive Us"
Written in Note; Says Con-
tract Is All Off and Gives
Directions for Finding
Body of Rich Banker

St. Paul, Minn., Jan. 20.—(AP)—
Branded by police as a fake, an
anonymous note stating that Edward
G. Bremer, wealthy owner and presi-
dent of a St. Paul bank, kidnaped
for \$300,000, had been "bumped off"
was revealed by W. C. Robertson, Min-
neapolis postmaster.

The authorities' statement, however,
did not serve to allay fears of the
Bremer family, who had fresh in
their minds a threat of death and the
blood-stained automobile of the 37-
year-old Commercial State Bank head.

Received through the mail today by
Robertson, the note was written in
long hand by a good penman. It bore
no postmark nor stamp and was ad-
dressed to the Minneapolis post office.

"Very sorry, but Edward Bremer
is now resting in peace. Was by ac-
cident bumped off. Body near Anoka,
Minn. Will not be found until after
the snow goes. Contract all off. Please
forgive us. All a mistake by one of
our gang being drunk.

"Please tell Walter Magee, St. Paul.
"One of the gang."

**FORTUNE IN OLD BILLS
WAITS BREMER'S RETURN**

St. Paul, Minn., Jan. 20.—(AP)—A
fortune in old bills was ready for
kidnapers today if they would heed
the plea of an aged and ill father
begging for the return of his wealthy
son, Edward G. Bremer, held for \$200-
000 ransom.

"Bring me back my boy—please—
the money is waiting for you—but
hurry—we want him back," pleaded
Adolph Bremer, personal friend of
President Roosevelt, as he paced the
floor in the office of the Jacob
Schmidt Brewing Company, of which
he is the principal owner.

No contact had been made by the
abductors, though the family was
hopeful some sign would be made to-
day telling them how and when to
deliver the ransom in \$5, \$10 and \$20
bills.

Far from the brewery property,
eight-year-old Betty Bremer, daugh-
ter of the missing Commercial State
Bank president, and owner, yesterday
returned to the exclusive Summit
Girls School for the first time since
her father was abducted about 8:30 a.
m. Wednesday.

WEATHER

FOR NORTH CAROLINA.
Cloudy, probably occasional
rain tonight and Sunday; not
much change in temperature.

Newest Cuban Head



Here is Carlos Mendieta, 60-year-
old veteran of Cuban politics, who
has accepted the presidency of the
island republic, succeeding
Carlos Hevia. He is designated to
head the sixth government turbu-
lent Cuba has had in the past five
months, being offered the post
two days after Hevia took office.

COMPARE GOLD AND SILVER OUTPUT



This layout shows the relative
value of the output and produc-
tion of gold and silver in the
United States during 1933, ac-
cording to figures compiled by the
treasury department at Washing-
ton. California leads the list of
gold-producing states. Idaho,
Utah and Montana are the leading
producers of silver.

Auto License Reduction Would Cripple Highways

Maintenance of Roads and Payment of Bonds and In-
terest Must Be Provided for; Officialdom Cold To-
ward Agitation for Reducing Prices

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

Raleigh, Jan. 20.—If the automobile
and truck owners of the State want
to drive over cracked and broken
highways, with washed-out shoulders
and gradually revert to dirt highways,
the price of automobile license plates
can be reduced to a flat rate of \$3
a year or only \$1 a year, according
to current opinion in State govern-
mental circles here. But if the 400,000
automobile and truck owners in the
State want the existing highways
kept in good condition or they
hope of additional highway con-
struction or want any of the old and
worn out roads rebuilt and modern-
ized they must be willing to continue
to pay the present average of \$14.50
a year for their automobile licenses,
according to the bulk of opinion here.

The revenue from the sale of auto-
mobile licenses and titles for the
calendar year ending December 31,
1933 was \$5,311,154 according to fig-
ures just obtained from the Motor
Vehicle Division of the Department of
Revenue, from the sale of 408,095 li-
censes. If these licenses had been sold
at \$3 each, as they are being sold in
Georgia and the price now being ad-
vocated by a good many here in North
Carolina, the revenue would have been
only \$1,227,285 with a resultant loss
of revenue to the Highway Fund of
\$4,083,869 which is more than two-
thirds of the total amount allotted to
the State Highway and Public Works
Commission for the maintenance of
60,000 miles of State and county high-
ways in the State. For the entire ap-
propriation for highway maintenance
this year and next year, as made by
the 1933 general assembly, is only
\$6,000,000 a year, from which ap-
proximately \$750,000 a year must be
taken for the maintenance of some 7-
700 prisoners and nearly 100 prison
hills and camps. So in reality the
Highway Commission has only slight-
ly more than \$5,000,000 a year avail-
able for maintenance or about the
same amount as the revenue received
from the sale of licenses at the pre-
sent prices.

"But what about all the money
the State collects from the gasol-
ine tax," many people ask. "What is that
money used for? Would it be in-
crease in the revenue from the gasol-
ine tax offset the loss in revenue
from any reduction in the price of
license plates?"

These questions are asked only by
those who are uninformed and who
either do not know the facts or who
do not want to know the facts, ac-
cording to those in both the revenue
and highway departments. For while
the revenue from the State gasoline
tax for the calendar year 1933 ac-
ounted to \$14,711,406, with indica-
tions that it will amount to about the
same for 1934, this total lacks fully
\$2,000,000 of meeting the yearly bud-
get of \$16,767,870 which must be met
from the highway fund for the next
two years, it is pointed out. For the
expenditures which must be met from
the highway fund for the present
fiscal year, are as follows:

Interest and principal . . . \$ 9,085,110
Sinking fund payments . . . 6,000,000
State and county main-
tenance (includes prisons) . . . 6,000,000
Motor Vehicle Bureau and
State Highway Patrol . . . 379,000
Highway Com. Administra-
tion . . . 113,650
New Highway construction . . . 190,000
To State General Fund . . . 1,000,000

Total \$16,767,860

From these figures it can be readily
seen, according to revenue and high-
way department officials here, that
the \$14,711,406 revenue from the gasol-
ine tax would be entirely inade-
quate to meet these expenses. Since
all of these other obligations are fixed
with the exception of the amounts
for maintenance and the \$1,000,000
which the 1933 general assembly de-
cided should be transferred to the
general fund, provided any money
was left in the Highway Fund after
all other obligations are met, any
further reduction in the budget would
have to be made in the ap-
propriation for maintenance. This was
reduced from \$10,000,000 a year to \$6-
000,000.

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OIL STABILIZATION PASSED BY ICKES

Modified Approval Given to
Purchase and Marketing
Agreement

Washington, Jan. 20.—(AP)—Secre-
tary Ickes, acting as the oil code ad-
ministrator, today gave modified ap-
proval to the purchase and marketing
agreement submitted to him as a
plan for stabilizing the industry.

The agreement, submitted original-
ly by 24 companies as an alternative
to a proposed price-fixing schedule,
became effective immediately.

The secretary approved an order
making a violation of the agreement
also a violation of the oil code and
subject to a fine of \$500 per day for
each day of violation, or six months
imprisonment.

In his modification, the secretary
entirely disapproved Section 4 of the
marketing agreement, which provided
for unusually severe penalties for
those violating the marketing agree-
ment.

MAN ABDUCTED BY PRISONERS FREED

26-Year-Old Kansas School
Teacher Unharmed by
Prison Fugitives

Bartlesville, Okla., Jan. 20.—(AP)—
Lewis Dresser, 26, Kansas school
teacher, who was abducted by Jim
Clark and another of the seven con-
victs who escaped the Kansas peni-
tentiary at Lansing yesterday, was re-
leased unharmed near Pawhuska,
Okla., at 5 a. m. today.

Dresser, seized soon after Clark,
Bob (Big Boy) Brady and five other
convicts fled over the wall of the
Lansing prison was freed after a
20-hour ride. He said he could not
identify Clark's companion.

Upon his release, Dresser drove to
Bartlesville and reported his presence
to police.

Dresser's car was returned by the
convicts after he had promised to say
nothing to officers until he had driven
50 or 60 miles from the place where
he was released, he said.

More than a score of heavily-armed
officers immediately concentrated in
the vicinity of Pawhuska to hunt for
the fugitives.

WALLACE WARNS OF GRAVE DANGERS FOR GIN LICENSING BILL

in Party Shakeup



Arthur F. Mullen, top, Demo-
cratic national committeeman
from Nebraska, has announced
that he neither will resign his post
nor discontinue his law practice
in Washington, despite President
Roosevelt's censure of lawyer-
politicians who have been lobby-
ing before federal departments
and bureaus. Mullen took his
stand after Robert Jackson, lower
right, secretary of the national
committee and committeeman
from New Hampshire, and Frank
C. Walker, lower left, committee
treasurer, resigned their offices.

For It If Cotton Farmers
Want It, But Compulsory
Control Next Step,
Secretary Says

REFERENDUM WITH
PRODUCERS NAMED

From Standpoint of Future
of Democratic Government
and Psychology of People
Should Approach It
Thoughtfully, Agriculture
Head Tells Senators

Washington, Jan. 20.—(AP)—Secre-
tary Wallace told the Senate Agricul-
ture Committee today he would favor
the Bankhead gin licensing bill if the
cotton farmers wanted it, but asserted
there were grave dangers of com-
pulsory control if the farmers didn't
want it.

The licensing bill was offered by
Senator Bankhead, of Alabama, Dem-
ocrat, primarily to prevent farmers
from taking advantage of their neigh-
bors by refusing to join in the volun-
tary acreage program. It would as-
sign quotas to the producers.

Wallace suggested a referendum of
the producers to determine their at-
titude on the bill, but in reply to
Senator Capper, Republican, Kansas,
if the principle could be applied to
other commodities, including wheat,
said:

"From the standpoint of adminis-
tration, it would simplify matters
enormously, but from the standpoint
of the future of democratic govern-
ment and the psychology of the peo-
ple, I can't help but feel we should
approach this kind of thing thought-
fully.

"If the people themselves think the
emergency is of such an extraordinary
type that they want such centralized
control in Washington, it would be
easier to administer."

Only Two Types Of CWA Projects Can Keep Going

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

Raleigh, Jan. 20.—Only two
types of Civil Works projects can
now continue in North Carolina, it
was pointed out at the office of
Mrs. Thomas O'Berry, state CWA
administrator today, and these
will be carried on under the re-
duced work week schedules. These
two types are as follows:

1. Those which have already
been approved and are now in
process of completion.

2. Those which do not call for
any materials to be provided from
Civil Works funds.

Even in those projects which are
already under way, no materials
may be purchased until the pur-
chase order has been approved
in Washington, it was pointed out.

Those employed on CWA pro-
jects in rural sections and in
rural sections and in towns of less
than 2,500 population will be per-
mitted to work only 15 hours a
week henceforth instead of 30 and
will hence get only \$6.75 a week
instead of \$13.50. In towns of 2-
500 population or more the work
week has been reduced to 24 hours
instead of 30, and the pay hence
reduced from \$13.50 to \$9.80 a
week.

These changes have been made
necessary by the rapid depletion
of the original \$400,000,000 ap-
propriation for the Civil Works Ad-
ministration.

Will Check Complaints About CWA

Mrs. O'Berry and
Waynick Will Be
Final Arbiter in Pro-
test Under Plan

Raleigh, Jan. 20.—(AP)—Special
machinery to check complaints grow-
ing out of administration of the Civil
Works Administration will begin op-
Monday. Capus Waynick, National
Reemployment Service manager, and
Mrs. Thomas O'Berry, CWA adminis-
trator, have agreed on a set-up for
hearing complaints from the various
counties that have been heard by the
local groups in each county and then
referred to the central office here.

Final decision on all complaints will
rest with Mr. Waynick and Mrs.
O'Berry.

Greeks Determine To Oust Insull on First of February

Athens, Greece, Jan. 20.—(AP)—The
Greek government was represented
today as determined to expel Samuel
Insull, Sr., former Chicago utilities
operator, no matter what decision
may be taken on his case by the
council of state.

This attitude was stated today by
the secretary of ministry of the in-
terior.

The council itself, following a hear-
ing yesterday, at which attorneys for
Insull spoke, deliberated the case two
hours today. The council members
argued heatedly, but adjourned until
next week without reaching a deci-
sion.

N. & W. LOCOMOTIVE KILLS DURHAM MAN

Durham, Jan. 20.—(AP)—Fred B.
Pritchard, 60, Norfolk and Western
railroad freight depot employee here
for 25 years, was instantly killed to-
day when struck by a passenger train
as he walked beside the track.

Willie Crumpler, an eye-witness
said Pritchard apparently failed to
hear the engine's whistle as he walk-
ed in the yards.