

# SILVER BLOC WOULD RAID TREASURY TO PAY BONUS

## U. S. May Finance Municipal Power Plant For New York City

### MAYOR LAGUARDIA GETS SYMPATHETIC EAR OF PRESIDENT

Groundwork Laid for Possible Construction Of Plant to Supply Metropolitan Area

### PRIVATE COMPANIES CHARGING TOO MUCH

City Administration Has Refused Bids Offered for Supplying Next Year's Power on Grounds They Are Too High; Navy May Make Its Own Power

Washington, Dec. 19.—(AP)—President Roosevelt and Mayor LaGuardia of New York, laid the groundwork today for possible construction of a municipal power plant for the metropolis.

Washington, Dec. 19.—(AP)—President Roosevelt is ready to lend Federal funds to New York or other cities for construction of municipal power plants if investigations prove they can be operated cheaper than by private companies.

This was made known today at the President's semi-weekly press conference in giving his views on current topics.

The President took up the question today with Mayor LaGuardia of New York and City Commissioner Division. They have refused bids of private companies to supply next year's power on the ground they were exorbitant.

It was disclosed also that the navy is making a study to determine whether power can be obtained cheaply.

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### Warnings Of Storm Are Given

Washington, Dec. 19 (AP)—The Weather Bureau today issued the following storm warning:

"Advisory 9 a. m.: Northeast storm warning ordered Boston to Nantucket, southeast storm warnings south of Nantucket to Norfolk, and southwest storm warnings south of Norfolk to Jacksonville; secondary disturbance over Georgia will move northward with increasing intensity and cause strong northwest winds and gales early tonight, Boston to Nantucket. Strong southeast winds and gales this afternoon south of Nantucket to Norfolk, shifting to southwest late this afternoon or early tonight, south of Norfolk to Wilmington, and strong southwest winds this afternoon and tonight between Wilmington and Jacksonville."

### Beach Area Hunted For Rich Lady

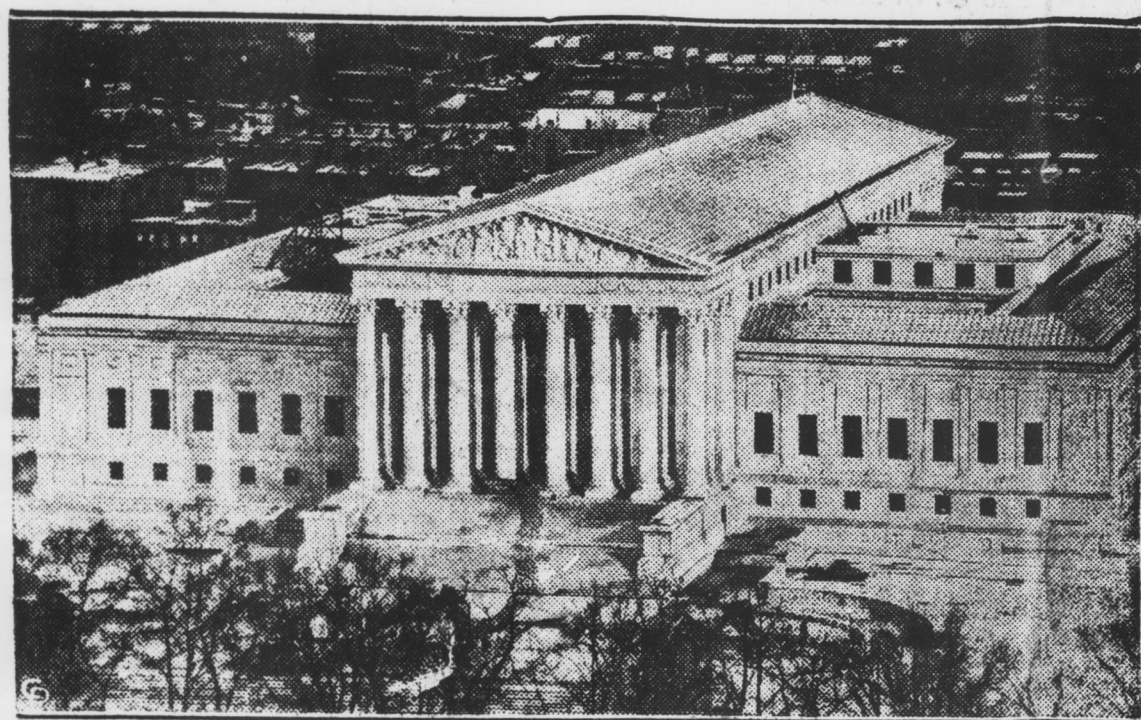
Mrs. Elliott Schaffner, of Rich Clothing Firm, Missing at Carmel, Cal.

Carmel, Cal., Dec. 19.—(AP)—A report that a screen had been ripped from a rear window in the home of Mrs. Elliott Bokes Schaffner spurred authorities today in the search for the missing Chicago woman in the belief she possibly may have been kidnaped.

Carmel, Cal., Dec. 19 (AP)—The rugged country and beaches around Carmel were searched today for Mrs. Elliott Bokes Schaffner, 39-year-old member of the wealthy clothing family.

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### WHERE U. S. SUPREME COURT PONDER'S FATE OF NRA



Important questions involving constitutionality of the NRA were taken up by the United States supreme court in Washington, meeting for the first time in the new building pictured above. After a short session, the court recessed until Jan. 7 to prepare opinions in many cases.

## New Communist Inquiry Looms On Capitol Hill

### Russia Accused of Failing To Live Up To Her Promise in Recognition Accord

### REBELLION URGED BY PRETTY GIRLS

Work Among Men In Nation's Armed Forces Seeking Disloyalty and Sabotage; State Department to Be Asked Whether or Not Soviet Pledge Is Violated

Washington, Dec. 19 (AP)—A new investigation of charges that Soviet Russia had failed to forbid groups within her control to seek the overthrow of the American government was in the offing today on Capitol Hill.

William Green, president, and Matthew Woll, a vice-president, of the American Federation of Labor, made the accusation before the House committee named to investigate un-American activities.

Yesterday Commander V. L. Kirkman of the navy, testified that communist agitators including young and pretty girls, sought to incite the nation's armed forces to "disloyalty," "sabotage," and "rebellion" by fraternizing with them and distributing circulars.

Today Chairman McReynolds, Democrat, Tennessee, of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, said it would be "only natural for him to ask the State Department" whether a Soviet pledge had been violated. The pledge was made by Maxim Litvinoff when the United States recognized Russia.

### TO RUSH THROUGH TEXTBOOK BUYING

Hint That Powers Want Job Over Before General Assembly Convenes

Raleigh, Dec. 19.—The agents of the text book publishers whose books are on the "approved" list selected by the State High School Textbook Committee, an on which bids will be opened tomorrow by the State Board of Education, are busy presenting the merits of their books in the daily hearings that have been going on since Monday. Each company which has a basal text on the list is per-

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### WEATHER FOR NORTH CAROLINA.

Partly cloudy, with rain, changing to snow in the mountains tonight; colder in central and east portions tonight; Thursday, fair and colder.

## CONSOLIDATION OF COUNTIES MIGHT BE LEGISLATIVE ISSUE

### Governor Believed To Favor Idea, as Furthering Local Government Economy

### POLITICIANS WILL OPPOSE IT HOTLY

If Too Many County Governments, Then Too Many County Superintendents, But Politics Enters Again There; Little Success Is Looked For

### Not Likely Yet To Name An Engineer

Waynick Wants Choice Deferred; Wright Bridge Issue To Be Settled

Raleigh, Dec. 19.—While the State Highway and Public Works Commission is in session today for the first time since it selected Capus M. Waynick as assistant chairman, with full powers of the chairman during the absence of Chairman E. B. Jeffress, it is not expected that the commis-

### Claim Dillinger Paid for Freedom

Chicago, Dec. 19.—(AP)—The Daily News today said it had learned that John Dillinger bought his way out of the Crown Point, Ind., jail last March on a promise to pay \$11,000. Dillinger, it said, kept his part of the bargain, but that one of the middle men kept part of the money, and those who aided him in the escape actually received only about half that amount.

### Life Sentences Given Kidnapers In Florida Court

Miami, Fla., Dec. 19 (AP)—Life sentences were meted out here today to four men who pleaded guilty to kidnaping Dr. Santiago Claret, former Cuban editor, on December 9, forcing him to sign a check for \$16,000.

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## BUSINESS HEADS TO PLEAD COOPERATION IN RECOVERY DRIVE

Would Not Specifically Name Roosevelt Administration In Stand Taken However

### OLIVE BRANCH WILL BE EXTENDED FREELY

90 Executives Meeting At White Sulphur Springs Mapping Program To Be Carried to White House Before Congress Arrives; To Fight Extreme Laws

White Sulphur Springs, W. Va., Dec. 19.—(AP)—Business leaders of America have virtually decided to advocate cooperation with the government without specifically naming the Roosevelt administration.

Convened here as the "joint business conference for recovery," some 90 top executives found themselves in accord today on several principles which were being summarized in a preamble extending the olive branch in broadest terms.

The executives were expected to carry the results of their deliberations to the White House immediately, to indicate the business viewpoint before Congress convenes.

The business men, further, were prepared to offer their aid to the President in combating extreme legislation.

### KIDNAP TESTIMONY BY JOHNSTON GIRL

Smithfield, Dec. 19.—(AP)—The entire morning session today was taken up with cross-examination of Camella Price, one of the alleged victims, as the State continued to build its case against nine defendants whom it charges with kidnaping three Johnston county girls and taking them to New York for immoral purposes.

The girl testified she left her parents' home in early summer, when Clinton Beasley, one of the defendants, came there to work. She declared Beasley showed her cat bones and told her he could bewitch her and make her do as he wished.

## NATIONALIZING OF LAND IS U. S. AIM

That Is Program Toward Which Present Government Is Moving

By CHARLES P. STEWART  
Central Press Staff Writer

Washington, Dec. 19.—A program for land nationalization evolves itself more and more clearly from administration plans looking toward the establishment of a subsistence farming system, as well as toward improvement in urban housing conditions.

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### TEAR GAS IS USED UPON MOB AT TRIAL

Shelbyville, Tenn., Dec. 19.—(AP)—Using tear gas bombs, National Guardsmen today repulsed a crowd that tried to break through the lines and get into the court house where a Negro is being tried on a charge of an assault on a white girl.

## English Woman Executed Despite Appeals To King

Hull, England, Dec. 19.—(AP)—After appeals to the king and queen had failed to save her life, Mrs. Ethel Lillie Major, 42-year-old mother of two children, was hanged today at Hull prison.

A black flag was hoisted over the penitentiary when she went to her death, the first woman to be executed in England in eight years. Until the end, she maintained she was innocent of the charge of murdering her husband by poison.



Walter Hines Page

According to a cable unearthed in the files of the state department at Washington which he sent to President Wilson, America's war-time ambassador to England, the late Walter Hines Page, above, declared that the U. S. must go to war against Germany to maintain its powerful foreign trade position. "Unless we fight Germany, America cannot make a direct grant of credit to England or France," Page assertedly told Wilson.

## Former Head Reserve Bank Passes At 55

Eugene R. Black, Of Atlanta, Victim Of Heart Attack At Home There

Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 19 (AP)—Eugene R. Black, former governor of the Federal Reserve Board, died at his residence here today.

Mr. Black resigned his post recently as head of the Federal Reserve Board, a position to which he was drafted by President Roosevelt, to return to his old job as governor of the Federal Reserve Bank of the sixth district here. He was 55 years old.

Members of the family said a doctor was called to the residence last night after Mr. Black complained of being ill. He had been slightly indisposed for the past three days. He was stricken with a heart attack at 4:30 a. m., and died two hours later. He was a son-in-law of Henry W. Grady, the journalist.

## PROFIT ON SILVER WOULD BE PUT UP, AS PART OF FUND

Nevada Democrat Who Headed Silver Group Last Session Is Leading the Movement

### IT WOULD PREVENT PRINTING OF MONEY

Would Also Reassure Business, Stimulate Silver Buying as Well as Pay Soldiers; Opponents Say There Isn't Enough Silver In World To Pay Bonus

Washington, Dec. 19.—(AP)—A new plan designed to help pay the soldier bonus and strengthen the position of silver is to be brought before the silver bloc of the House soon, after Congress convenes.

Proponents say the government could get part, at least, of the money to pay the bonus immediately by applying the silver "seigniorage" in the Treasury. This is the "profit" the government makes by setting \$1.29 an ounce as the price of silver bought from miners, but taking half of that sum as "seigniorage."

Representative Scrugham, Democrat, Nevada, who was head of the silver bloc last session, said today he plans to call the group together to consider the plan.

Supporters say it would have a threefold result: Provide money for the bonus, stimulate silver buying and counteract any fear in business and financial circles that the bonus might mean printing press money.

So far, however, the Treasury is estimated to have realized less than \$100,000,000 all told on silver seigniorage. In circles critical of the plan it was said there was "no enough silver in the world to pay the bonus from seigniorage."

The bonus is estimated to call for \$2,200,000,000 in full at once. Silver men countered by suggesting the use of some of the profits on devaluation of the dollar.

## Prominent Lawyer Is Found Dead

Nahant, Mass., Dec. 19 (AP)—P. James Mahoney, 38, of Swampscott, wealthy and prominent Lynn lawyer, was found fatally wounded with a bullet wound in the heart in a Nahant roadway early today. He died en route to a hospital. Thomas L. Larkin, chief of police, said it had not been determined whether he had been slain or was a suicide, but, he said, indications were he had been slain.

Mahoney was found lying in a road in a sparsely settled section by John F. Boney, who told police he was breathing at the time he found him. A revolver was found near the body. Boney summoned neighbors and Mahoney was rushed to a Lynn hospital, where he was found to be dead.

Chief Larkin said he had learned that Mahoney had engaged in an argument with three men in the Eagle Auto Club in Nahant last night. One of the men told police that he left the group and went to Lynn. The other two were being questioned at police headquarters.

## Rescue At Sea Writes New Glory

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Aboard the S. S. Europa, at Sea, Dec. 19.—(AP)—Sixteen men perilously near death on the storm-crushed freighter Sisto owe their lives today to a gallant lifeboat crew from the passenger liner New York.

Amid storm-lashed seas, the Sisto's crew was taken from the sinking freighter last night while four vessels, including the patrol ship Europa, stood by, playing searchlights on the scene.

The rescue of the 16 men of the Sisto, a Norwegian boat, was accomplished apparently none too soon, for the little vessel was in a helpless con-

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AVOID THE RUSH