

50 PERCENT CUT IN ELECTRIC BILL ROOSEVELT'S AIM

PREACHER DECLARES UNION MAN CLAIMED ROOSEVELT BACKING

Rosemary Textile Strike Situation Again Aired Before Board In Washington

REV. J. N. BYNUM IS WITNESS FOR MILL

Tells of Density of Pickets About Mill Gates; Dooley Denies He Claimed Personal Backing of President; Said To Have Attacked Mill Officials

Democrats Want More Committee Jobs In Congress

Washington, Dec. 21.—(AP)—An Episcopal minister testified before the Textile Labor Board today that J. Dooley, United Textile Workers' organizer, had represented himself as having the personal backing of President Roosevelt in urging employees of the Rosemary Manufacturing Company of Roanoke Rapids, N. C., to join the textile strike in September.

Bynum quoted Dooley as saying the President had slapped him on the back and told him: "Mr. Dooley, you're doing a good work; we are with you."

The board heard the union charges (Continued on Page Four)

Cotton Spinning Industry Holding Own During Fall

Washington, Dec. 21.—(AP)—The cotton spinning industry was reported today by the Census Bureau to have operated during November at 94 percent capacity on a single shift basis, compared with 97.1 percent during October this year, and 96.3 percent during November last year.

Spinning spindles in place November 30 totalled 30,900,436, of which 25,050,778 were active at some time during the month, compared with 30,382,570 and 25,065,189 for October this year and 30,881,964 and 25,423,348 for November last year.

North Carolina reported 1,469,639,343 active spindle hours for November, and an average of 220 hours per spindle in place.

More Leaf Tobacco Is Sent Away

Washington, Dec. 21 (AP)—More leaf tobacco and American cigarettes are being sold in the world market, it was disclosed today in a report by the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce, which showed leaf tobacco continued to be the country's third leading export.

The report, based on the first nine months of 1934, placed the value of leaf tobacco exported to that period at \$71,697,000, or 78.6 percent greater than last year. This represented 4.7 percent of America's exports by value. The quantity exported amounted to 286,432,000 pounds, or 13.4 percent greater than a year ago, but eight percent less than the five-year average.

Fourth Death In Shelbyville Riot

Shelbyville, Tenn., Dec. 21.—(AP)—Floyd (Pat) Laws, 28, a farmer, died in a Shelbyville hospital today of wounds received Wednesday when National Guardsmen fired into a crowd around the court house while a mob was trying to storm the building for a Negro prisoner. Laws was the fourth fatality.

Meanwhile, Colonel R. H. Bond, in command of the National Guard troop here, described the situation today as "very quiet" and said, "We have received absolutely no indication that there will be any further mob outbreaks."

DEMOCRATS WANT MORE COMMITTEE JOBS IN CONGRESS

Party Leaders Think Their Organization Should Have Greater Control Powers

FEWER REPUBLICANS WOULD BE HONORED

Increased Membership Gives Them Right to More Committee Places, Byrns Says; Republicans Point to 46 Percent of Popular Vote They Received

Washington, Dec. 21.—(AP)—Democratic leaders proposed today that their party assume greater control over the drafting of legislation by taking over more committee posts. The move brought quick protests from Republicans.

Representative Byrns, of Tennessee, Democratic floor leader, who is expected to be next speaker advanced it as his personal belief that Democratic membership on legislation-shaping committees should be increased and Republican membership reduced.

"They (Republicans) have got about one-fourth of the membership," Byrns said. "So why should they have one-third, or thereabouts, of the committee places? It's our responsibility, and we're competent to handle it."

Representative Mapes, of Michigan, a Republican leader remarked: "The Republicans got about 46 percent of the popular vote on the last election. These votes are entitled to representation."

"But if the Democrats want to change things, they've got the brute strength to do it."

WEATHER FOR NORTH CAROLINA

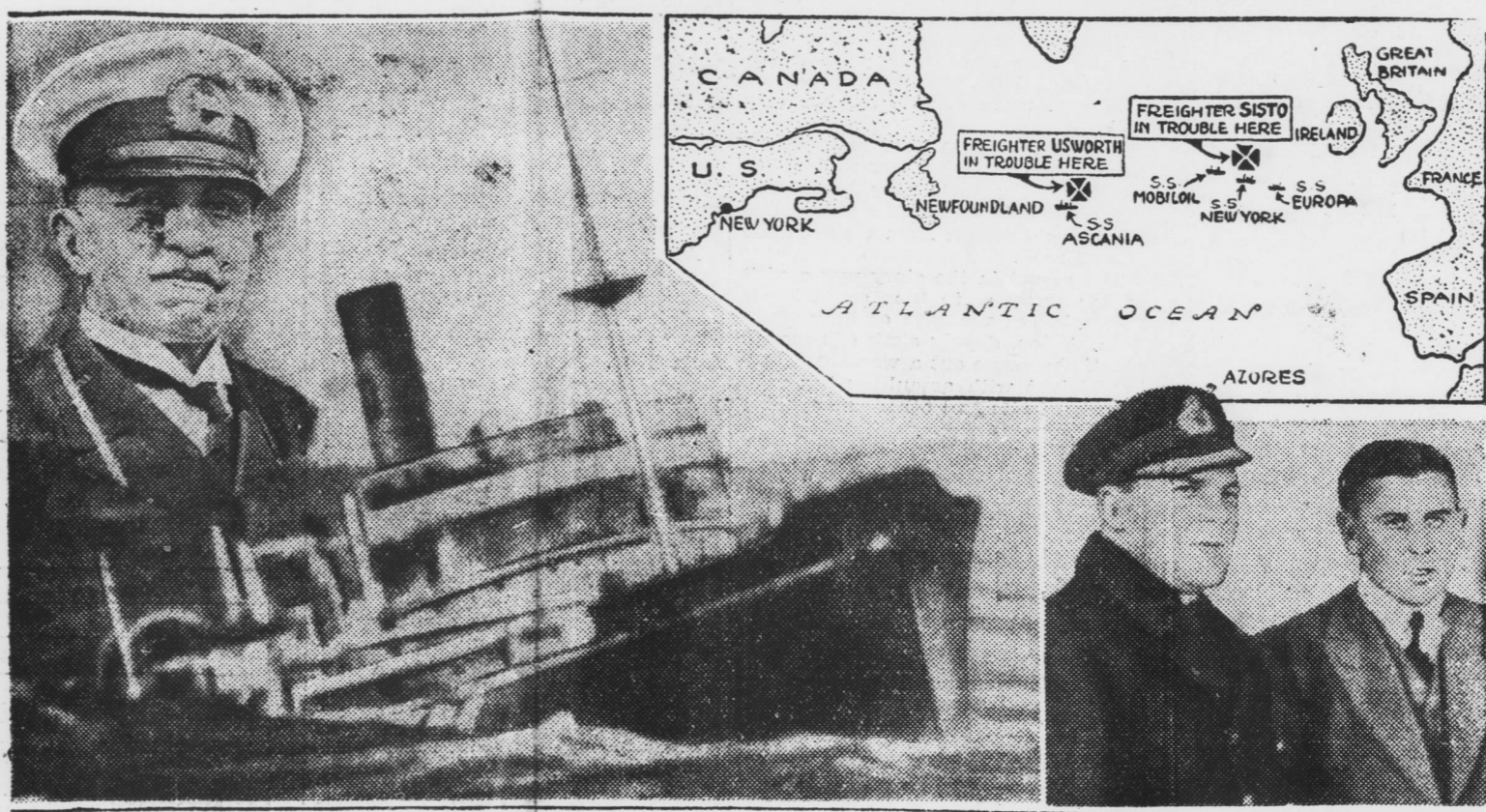
Cloudy, probably followed by occasional light rains tonight and Saturday; slightly warmer in central and west portions tonight and on the coast Saturday.

Babson Declares Railroads Are Being Choked To Death

Loss of Traffic Basic Problem and Government and Labor Regulation Another; Receiverships Near Unless Congress Unshackles Rail Carriers

BY ROGER W. BABSON, Copyright 1934, Publishers Financial Bureau, Inc. Babson Park, Fla., Dec. 21.—The railroad industry is in a precarious position today. Not only have most of the roads absolutely exhausted their normal credit, but even the FRC will not much longer come to their aid. 1934 has been a disastrous year for the carriers. Sharply increased costs, declining revenues, and deadly competition have forced the industry to the wall. Meanwhile, rail executives, their hands tied by labor's demands, stand helpless. Congress alone, by loosening the halter which

Two New Rescues Written Into Annals of Sea



Courageous captains had two new outstanding feats of heroism to place in their logs as raging storms in North Atlantic crippled two freighters. Capt. Fritz Kruse (left), of German liner, New York, directed saving of survivors of storm-crushed Norwegian freighter, Sisto, and Capt. J. G. P. Bisset of British liner, Ascania, brought out rescue of Capt. J. J. Reed (with whom he is shown at right), and other survivors of freighter Usworth, which is seen sinking at left in graphic photo taken through heavy mist. Map indicates scenes of rescues. (Central Press)

Tobacco Growers For Crop Control

(By the Associated Press.) County agents in tobacco growing states tabulated votes today to ascertain whether farmers want continued compulsory control of their crops.

First returns of the referendum, in progress since December 8, indicated strong sentiment for continuance of the Kerr-Smith act. North Carolina and Florida were among the states reporting first, and showed a favorable attitude. Informal reports from Virginia county agents indicated growers there would cast a large majority for the plan.

Steamship Burns At Her Dock

Boston, Mass., Dec. 21.—(AP)—The mounting tons of water poured into the holds of the coastwise freighter Ontario as firemen fought to quench flames that raced uncontrolled through the ship, threatened today to send the steamer to the bottom of Boston harbor.

The Ontario returned to port here about 4 a. m. her hatches, ventilators and ports belching smoke. Fire broke out last night when she was two miles off Sandwich, near the Massachusetts Bay entrance to the Cape Cod canal, southbound with a general cargo for Baltimore and Norfolk.

Her crew of 40 worked ceaselessly to hold the flames in check, and fireboats and land engines added their efforts as tugs nosed her into her dock on Northern Avenue here.

The fire, which began in No. 3 hold, had much room and spread through the lower decks. The skipper, Captain John Kauterud, was over come three times, his officers said, as he led his crew into the thick of the smoke and flames as they raced for port.

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France Also To Denounce Naval Pact

Cabinet Minister's Statement at Paris Shocks British and Americans

Paris, Dec. 21.—(AP)—Francis Pietri, minister of the navy, told the foreign affairs and naval committees of the Chamber of Deputies today that France soon will denounce the Washington naval treaty of 1922, but is, however, willing to discuss further the question of international naval limitations.

"We are agreed," said the cabinet minister, "in declaring publicly soon that France considers the Washington treaty as ended in 1936, but that she is always ready for the limitation of armaments."

The committees met jointly to hear Pietri's statement. Them inister told them: "The treaty (of Washington) is intolerable for France."

FRANCE'S ACTION SHOCKS AMERICANS AND BRITISH

London, Dec. 21.—(AP)—British and American quarters were disagreeably surprised today by a report from Paris that France intended to follow Japan in denouncing the Washington naval treaty of 1922. Both Great Britain and the United States had been given private assurances some time ago by France that no such action would be taken, regardless of Japan's moves.

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2 Shopping days till Christmas

Waynick Will Emphasize Better Road Maintenance

New Highway Head Thinks State's \$300,000,000 Road Investment Will Be Largely Lost Unless Upkeep Provision Is Made by Legislature

Daily Dispatch Bureau, in the Sir Walter Hotel, By J. C. Baskerville.

Raleigh, Dec. 21.—The urgent need for more and better maintenance on all highways, both State and county, and the need for more highway construction are the two things that have most impressed Assistant Chairman Capus M. Waynick since he has taken charge of the State Highway and Public Works Commission, he said here today. As a result, he indicated that the theme song of his administration as chief of the highway department would be more and better maintenance, provided the General Assembly can be prevailed upon to provide the necessary money.

"Both" from personal observation and from the facts and figures that have been presented to me since I became assistant chairman of the highway department, I am more than ever convinced that the most urgent need right now is for more and better maintenance of the roads we already have," Waynick said. "The reason they have not been maintained better than they have is, of course, due to the fact that the highway department has not had the funds with which to do the work that should have been done. For the 1933 General Assembly decided to cut off

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ROANOKE RAPIDS CASES UP AGAIN

Re-Hearing Of Labor Charges Against Rosemary Company Ordered

Washington, Dec. 21.—(AP)—A re-hearing of charges labor lodged against the Rosemary Manufacturing Company, of Roanoke Rapids, N. C., was set for today by the Textile Labor Board.

The charges involved alleged discrimination against union members as a result of their activities in the recent textile strike.

The case first was heard here December 4 at the same time the United Textile Workers presented similar charges against the Patterson and Roanoke mills, also of Roanoke Rapids. Action on the Patterson and Roanoke cases was suspended indefinitely by the board, which announced it hoped the union and mill managements may settle their differences to the mutual advantage of both.

SORDID STORY OF KIDNAPING GIVEN

Sister of Johnston County Girl Victim Testifies Against Accused

Smithfield, Dec. 21.—(AP)—Mrs. Marguerite Cherry, sister of one of the three alleged victims of a kidnaping in Johnston county, testified in superior court here today at the trial of nine persons charged with taking the girls to New York for immoral purposes, that one of the defendants had tried to get her to take her sister to an ice cream party at

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MAY TAKE SEVERAL YEARS, HOWEVER, TO ATTAIN THAT GOAL

McNinch Outlines Administration's Plans in Dealing With Power Situation

MUNICIPAL PLANTS TO BE ENCOURAGED

Ickes Seeking PWA Funds To Be Loaned To Larger Cities Where Rates Are Declared Excessive; Negotiations for New York Project Already Begun

Washington, Dec. 21.—(AP)—A cut of about 50 percent in the electricity bill of America was described today as the ultimate goal of hts Roosevelt power program.

Frank R. McNinch, chairman of the Federal Power Commission, made this declaration, emphasizing that accomplishment of the aim cannot be expected for several years.

After Secretary Ickes made known he is considering an effort to find public works funds for proposed municipal plants in other cities besides New York, McNinch declared rates to be excessive "in most of the larger cities."

Negotiations already have been started by Mayor LaGuardia, of New York, looking toward a grant for erection of a power plant for the metropolis.

Plans for public works financing of (Continued on Page Four)

FISH WILL ANSWER BUDD INDICTMENTS

New York, Dec. 21.—(AP)—Albert H. Fish, was turned over to Westchester county authorities today by Magistrate Benjamin Greenstein, in homicide court, to answer an indictment there charging first degree murder in the death of ten-year-old Grace Budd.

Frank Page Is Interred At Aberdeen

Former Highway Head Dies Suddenly During Illness In Raleigh Hospital

Aberdeen, Dec. 21.—(AP)—The body of Frank Page, 59-year-old banker and former chairman of the State Highway Commission, whose career was ended suddenly by death yesterday, was borne here today for burial in the family cemetery.

Page was chairman of the State Highway Commission when more than \$100,000,000 was spent to give the State good roads. He was executive vice-president of the Raleigh branch of the Wachovia Bank and Trust Company at the time of his death.

Page died at 6:25 p. m. in a Raleigh hospital. He had suffered a heart disease for some time, but his condition did not become critical until last Saturday.

He was removed to the hospital from his home in Raleigh two days later. The funeral was set for 2 p. m., at the Page Memorial church here.

Giant Plane Crashes In Thunderstorm; Seven Die

Baghdad, Iraq, Dec. 21.—(AP)—The giant American built airplane "Uiver" pride of the Royal Dutch Air Line, was found wrecked and burned today, its seven occupants killed.

The plane crashed during a desert thunderstorm yesterday ten miles south of Rutva Wells, Iraq.

Scouting planes of the British Royal Air Force, who had searched for the liner since early yesterday, found the charred wreckage. The machine had been burned to cinders. Fresh from triumph in the Eng-