

ROOSEVELT ASKS NRA EXTENSION TWO YEARS

Emergency Road Repair Bill Passes

Highway Commission Is Left With Full Power To Direct Expenditure of Money

SLOT MACHINE ACT NOW BECOMES LAW

House Committee Votes Approval of Legalizing Five Percent Beer in State; Driver's License Is Considered; Liquor Bill Hearing Being Held

Raleigh, Feb. 20. (AP)—The General Assembly today approved the immediate expenditure of \$3,000,000 for emergency repairs to State and county roads in North Carolina, and wrote into the law a measure to prohibit gambling slot machines.

Approval was voted a bill to legalize five percent beer in the State by a House Judiciary committee this afternoon. At present the alcoholic content of beer is limited to 3.2 percent.

Eyes centered on the liquor hearing set for this afternoon.

The Senate concurred in a House amendment to the highway bill which leaves the road commission with full power to direct the expenditure of the money.

The Senate had specified that highway workers under the emergency program were to be worked ten hours per day.

A few minutes after noon, the slot machine act, which completed legislative passage yesterday was ratified and became effective as a law immediately.

Senators debated at length over a

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Will Press For Action For Bonus

Advocates in House Flatly Against Any Compromise on Measure

Washington, Feb. 20. (AP)—Standards flatly against any compromise, members of the Patman \$2,100,000,000 bonus bill decided today upon two immediate steps.

Both moves are planned for tomorrow. The first will seek to assure a House vote on the bill, even though it is not approved by the ways and means committee. The second will attempt to permit the insertion of the Patman bill in an appropriation bill which provides salaries for representatives and senators.

"I have no doubt but that we will get the necessary signatures," Patman said. It now requires 216 signers to discharge a committee from considering a bill.

Another Texas Democrat, Representative Blanton, will father the second petition. It would bring to the House a resolution permitting the Patman bill to be offered as an amendment to the legislative appropriations measure.

Sales Tax Will Be Beaten, McDonald, Of Forsyth, Says

Advocate of Substitute Says Arguments Against His Proposals Are Ridiculous, and Sales Tax Is Here Permanently Unless It Is Repealed This Session

Daily Dispatch Bureau, In the Sir Walter Hotel, By C. A. PAUL

Raleigh, Feb. 20.—"The sales tax will not be re-enacted this session," said Dr. Ralph McDonald here today, "and we should tax dividends whether or not we need the revenue." He made the statements in an interview with this bureau.

"I am sure," continued the Forsyth representative and author of a great portion of the sales tax substitute plan, "that the lower house will defeat the sales tax, and we are constantly gaining strength in the Sen-

As Anxious Crowds Awaited Gold Decision



View of the crowded corridor of the Capitol as those unable to gain admittance to the Supreme Court chamber awaited news of the court's momentous gold decisions. (Central Press)

Wallace, Hutson To Speak at Raleigh

Raleigh, Feb. 20. (AP)—Secretary of Agriculture Henry A. Wallace and J. B. Hutson, chief of the tobacco section of the Agricultural Adjustment Administration, are scheduled to address a mass meeting of tobacco growers from this and nearby states here Monday.

They will discuss the proposed acreage increase for tobacco growers this season.

LEGISLATURE GOES ON SPENDING SPREE

Not in Years Has General Assembly Been So Free With Tax Money

MEANS HIGHER LEVIES

Money Must Be Had or Budget Will Be Out of Balance; Members Seem Inclined To Vote Money for Anything

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

Raleigh, Feb. 20.—The sky is the limit with this General Assembly when it comes to spending money, and most observers here agree that so far it is inclined to be more liberal with the taxpayers' money than any assembly since the 1925 session. In 1927 the legislature started applying the brakes both to the issuance of bonds and to appropriations, while in 1929 it clamped down still harder, with the exception of the appropriations for schools and the University of North Carolina. In 1931 and 1933 the assembly clamped down on appropriations, except for schools, with a vengeance. The principal reason for the stringent economy exercised in

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Business Leaders Look For Improvement After Gold Decision By Court

Many Positive It Means Greater Volume, Some Predict Boom, With Others Hopeful

FEW THINK REVERSE WOULD HAVE HELPED

Would Have Been Better in Long Run, They Say; Steel Companies Announce Vast Expansion Program; Wholesalers, Manufacturers Are Also Hopeful

New York, Feb. 20. (AP)—Many business leaders, pondering effects of the Supreme Court gold decision decided today it meant more dollars in the till.

Many were positive the decision insured added business; a minority used the word "boom." Some merely were hopeful.

A conservative element, however, felt a decision reversing the government would have had a much better, long-time effect, even if it had disrupted business temporarily.

The United States Steel Corporation announced yesterday it had approved a \$47,000,000 plant modernization program, and the New York Times said it was thought in some quarters the company had delayed the announcement until the court's gold decision was known.

Thus, sum to be spent on finishing plants, is the largest allotted for this work by United States Steel in five years.

Expansion of the subsidiary of the

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SCHOOL FUND-NEAR \$20,500,000 LOOMS

Committee Thinks 25 Percent Raise Can Be Granted on That Basis

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

Raleigh, Feb. 20.—Although the joint appropriations committees are still meeting in executive session behind locked doors, the session Tuesday was devoted to further consideration of the public schools appropriation, it was learned from an authoritative source. The committee again called State Superintendent of Public Instruction Clyde A. Erwin before it and asked him to explain further why he thought an appropriation of \$22,000,000 a year was necessary in

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Flat Payrolls Tax To Get Unemployed Insurance Favored

Change Is Written Into Social Security Bill by House Ways and Means Committee

STARTS NEXT YEAR WITH ONE PERCENT

Reaches Maximum of Three Percent in 1938; Senate Still Embroiled in Debate Over \$4,880,000,000 Work Relief Bill; Roosevelt To Sign Seed Loans

Washington, Feb. 20. (AP)—The House Ways and Means Committee today decided to impose a flat Federal payroll tax for unemployed insurance, instead of basing the levy on business conditions.

The change was written into the pending social security bill, Chairman Doughton said, with the apparent approval of administration officials.

Under the committee's amendment, the tax will be one percent in the 1936 calendar year, two percent in 1937 and three percent—the proposed maximum—in 1938.

This level was the same amount presented to Congress by the administration, except for the elimination of fluctuations with business conditions.

The committee's decision was that a fluctuating tax would cause business uncertainty.

Among other Washington developments:

The Senate still was embroiled in

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SWANSON TO OPPOSE ANY NEW DIRIGIBLES

Washington, Feb. 20. (AP)—Secretary Swanson said today he would oppose further construction of navy dirigibles.

ITALIAN SOLDIERS READY TO DEPART

Transports at Naples and Messina Prepared For African Trip

Rome, Feb. 20. (AP)—Italian transports had steam up at Naples and Messina today to sail in further proof that Italy's "precautionary measures" against Ethiopia can and will be carried out to any extent deemed necessary.

At Naples the S. S. Montenegro took aboard 1,000 soldiers and several hundred auxiliary experts. The officers received orders to be ready to sail at any time.

The S. S. Vulcania, a liner widely known among American tourists, is understood to have received orders to stand by at Naples for possible troop

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Biscoe Bank Is Robbed Of Cash Funds

Employees and One Customer Lined Up Against Wall As Hold-Up Proceeds

Biscoe, Feb. 20. (AP)—The Bank of Biscoe was held up and robbed of between \$500 and \$1,000 at noon today by two unmasked bandits, who escaped in a green (Chevrolet) sedan.

Carrying an automatic shotgun and a pistol, the two bandits walked in the front door and lined J. E. Maness, the cashier; Miss Anne Maness, his sister, and assistant cashier, and E. R. Burt, of Biscoe, a customer, the only persons in the building, up against a wall.

After taking what money was out-

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Faces Death Bravely



Dr. Philemon E. Truesdale, world famous diaphragmatic surgeon of Fall River, Mass., is rushing home from West Indies vacation to perform an operation on Aylce McHenry, 10, of Omaha, Neb., whose inverted stomach threatens to cause her death. Girl is seen being brought across country to go under knife. (Central Press)

PROGRESSIVES TALK 10 BILLIONS RELIEF

LaFollette Says Government's Credit in No Danger Whatever

WAGNER MAY DESERT

May Leave Roosevelt if His Measure Fails; Capper Talked For G. O. P. Nomination Next Year

By LESLIE EICHEL, Central Press Staff Writer

New York, Feb. 20.—While arguments are going on among conservatives whether four billions are not too much to be appropriated for relief, progressives are demanding 10 billions.

Says Senator Robert F. La Follette of Wisconsin:

"The credit of the government is not in danger. Great Britain's per capita tax debt is three times as much as ours with fewer people and

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Hancock Plans To Oppose Suggested Housing Measure

Washington, Feb. 20. (AP)—Representative Hancock, Democrat, North Carolina, announced today he would fight a proposal for the Federal Housing Administration to insure loans up to \$50,000.

He said the matter had come before the House Banking and Currency Committee, of which he is a member. The present housing act authorizes the administrator to give a 20 percent guarantee on loans up to \$2,000, but limits the administrator's aggregate liability to \$200,000,000.

Under the new proposals, Hancock said, loans up to \$50,000, could be insured 20 percent.

"This is nothing more than bait," the North Carolina representative asserted.

Labor Gives Warning Of Textile Strike Decision

Washington, Feb. 20. (AP)—Organized labor argued today that if a decision by the Textile Labor Board was allowed to stand, "it would lead to violence and bloodshed in future strikes."

The decision, handed down January 30 in the discrimination case brought by the United Textile Workers against the Ninety-Six Cotton Mills, of Ninety Six, S. C., held that the mill did not need to reinstate strikers because their strike was unsuccessful.

"If this decision stands, it means

PRESIDENT PLEADS FOR LONG RENEWAL OF RECOVERY LAWS

Requests "Unquestioned Power" for Government To Establish Minimum Standards

STATES MONOPOLIES MUST BE PREVENTED

Also Says Private Price-Fixing Must Not Be Allowed; Against Efforts To Put People in Jail as Enforcement Move; Wants Child Labor Banned

Washington, Feb. 20. (AP)—A two-year extension of the national recovery law, "its fundamental purposes and principles" renewed, was recommended to Congress today by President Roosevelt.

In a special message Mr. Roosevelt proposed that the government be allowed "unquestioned power" to "establish certain minimum standards of fair competition in commercial practices and especially adequate standards in labor relations."

"For example," he said, "child labor must not be allowed to return; the fixing of minimum wages and maximum hours is practical and necessary."

"The rights of employees freely to organize for the purpose of collective bargaining should be fully protected." "The fundamental principles of the anti-trust laws should be more adequately applied."

"Monopolies and private price-fixing must not be allowed nor condoned."

"But in the case of such natural resources as oil, coal and gas," the President said, the people "need gov-

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GEORGIA VOTES ON LIQUOR ON MAY 15

Atlanta, Ga., Feb. 20. (AP)—The House today adopted amendments setting May 15, 1935, for a State-wide election on repeal of the Georgia bone dry prohibition law, and providing for the sale of whiskey in unbroken packages. These amendments were tacked onto the Grayson-Graves bill now under consideration in committee of the whole, and which measure would repeal the State dry act.

Democratic Insurgency Is Growing

Becoming Too Formidable To Be Ignored; Blocs Against Roosevelt

By CHARLES P. STEWART, Central Press Staff Writer

Washington, Feb. 20.—Democratic insurgency in Congress is becoming too formidable to be ignored.

Lawmakers who wear the administration's party label are in so huge a majority on Capitol Hill that it seems rash to predict loss of control over it by the White House. Nevertheless, one cannot but be struck by every succeeding day's increase in the num-

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WEATHER
FOR NORTH CAROLINA.
Fair, slightly colder in east portion tonight; Thursday fair.