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How Thelma Todd Was Found In Death

COMING CONGRESS MAY PASS OLD AGE PENSION MEASURE

TWENTY-SECOND YEAR

H. LESLIE PERRY MEMOR

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At Least There is Fair Chance House Will, as all Members Face Polls In 1936.

RELY UPON SENATE TO KILL THE BILL

But Senate Has Way Sometimes of Calling House's Bluff: If it Did It in This Case and Roosevelt Returned Veto, Cards Would Be Gummed Sharply.

By CHARLES P. STEWART Central Press Staff Writer

Washington, Dec. 19 .- Some good of congressional trends are predicting that the House of Represtatives will pass a Townsend old sion bill this winter.

is a time-honored trick of the lower House to indorse plans that it loesn't believe in, depending on the to kill them.

Consequently the Townsend forehouldn't be taken too lightly. That a majority of the lawmakers doubt the practicability of the scheme coms a fair conclusion from the fact that they didn't vote it at their last They have been home since hen, however, and reports from out in the "provinces" indicate that many of them realize the necessity of be coming converts in order to be re

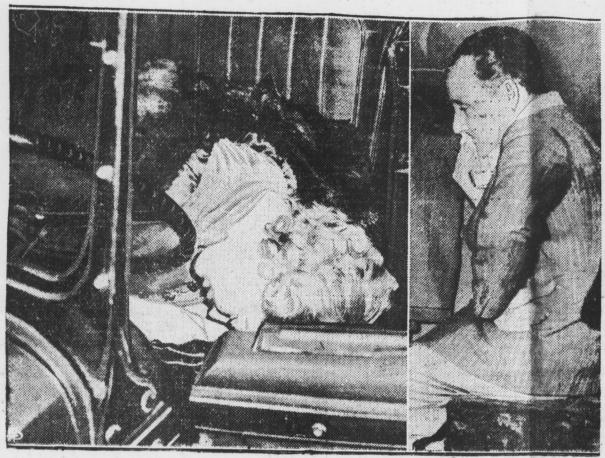
SENATE RESENTS TRICK

The Senate bitterly resents the House's habit of voting what it coniders popular but injudicious, expecting the upper chamber to vote contraiwise.

But the representatives don't care picayune for the senators' indignation. Besides, members of the lower house really believe that, in an emer gency a senator, on an average car better afford to take political chances

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Senator Predicts Bill For Bonus In



How Thelma was found

Roland West

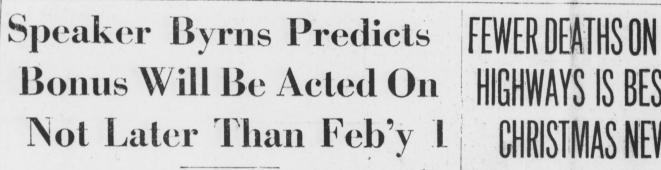
Slumped at the wheel of her car in a garage near her death. Roland West, close friend of Miss Todd's and apartment and cafe at Santa Monica, Cal., the body of partner in the cafe that bore her name, is pictured Thelma Todd, vivacious film comedienne, is shown as grief-stricken near the death scene it was found by authorities now investigating her

is going to happen after Christmas.

Wednesday Told to Drive

For Success.

Daily Dispatch Bureau, In The Sir Walter Hote., By J. C. BASKERVILL



Says It Is Very Clear Both Senate and House Will Pass It; Whether It Can Override Veto He Does Not Say; Thinks Session Should End by May 1

Washington, Dec. 19 (AP)-Speak- quickly as possible, one way or aner Byrns said today that he believed other, and then get busy on other both Senate and House would dis- things, and adjourn at an early date, pose of the cash bonus issue by Feb- He said he saw "no reason on earth" why Congress should be in ruary 1. "I think it is very clear both hous- session beyond May 1, but he remark-

es will pass it," Byrns told reporters ed with a grin: upon returning to his desk after a "But, of course, nobody knows

CHRISTMAS NEWS 92 Deaths, as Against 131 **During Month of** October.

HIGHWAYS IS BEST

DRIVE UPON DRUNKS HAVING ITS EFFECT

Better Record for Safety Is have liked to modify them. The chief SAYS Made With More Cars On harm has been done. It will take time to rectify it. Highways; Lowest Recent Sir Samuel told the crowded cham-Death Total Was When ber that he did not entirely approve of the plan himself, but that it seem-

Peace Plan Motivated From Fear Of League's Collapse, Hoare Tells Commons Meet

Calles Causes Fear

PUBLISHED EVERY AFTERNOON EXCEPT SUNDAY

Baldwin Accepts Blame For Franco-British Plan **For Ending African War**

Premier Tells House Of **Commons Much Harm** Has Been Done, Only Time Can Heal.

SAYS NO ONE LIKED **PROPOSALS OFFERED**

Sir Samuel Hoare, Retired Foreign Secretary, Says Situation is Now Even More Acute Than Before; **Baldwin Stresses Need Of** Anglo-French Unity.

London, Dec. 19 (AP)-Prime Minister Baldwin told the House of Commons today "the chief responsibility is mine" for the Franco-British peace plan for Italy and Ethiopia, and that the British government would make no attempt to resurrect it.

His statement followed an address by Sir Samuel Hoare, who resigned Record for November Shows as foreign secretary because of the public protest against the peace plan. In defense of Hoare, Baldwin said the peace plan represented the minimum to which it was possible to obtain the agreement of the French government, "and I attach vital importance to Anglo-French solidarity."

The prime minister continued: "None of us liked the proposals. We thought they went too far. We would have liked to modify them. The chief



PROPOSAL DID NOT COME FROM FEARS OF STEPS BY ITALY

Foreign Secretary Who Resigned Last Night Makes **Explanation** in Long Speech.

BALDWIN RECEIVED QUIETLY BY HOUSE

Applause Customary For Appearance of Heads of Governments is Withheld; Public Opinion in France Nervous Over Events; League Studies Peace Moves.

London, Dec. 19 (AP)-Sir Samuel Hoare, who resigned last night as foreign secretary, told the House of Commons today that fear of a breakup in the League of Nations, rather than fear of any Italian threat, motivated the British government's re-

cent foreign policy. Prime Minister Baldwin had come before them without any of the applause which usually greets the ap-pearance of the head of the governments.

The resigned foreign secretary, who spoke as a private member of the House, told his colleagues that the war raised very difficult questions between Great Britain and France.

"It must be obvious to every member," he said, "that the great body of public opinion in France is intensely nervous concerning a breach with Italy and nervous concerning anything likely to weaken the French In view of these

1938 Will Get By upon returning to his desk a trip to the Philippine Islands.

Washington, Dec. 19.-(AP)-Senator Byrnes, Democrat, South Carolina, predicted today that the bill he and Senator Steiwer, Republican. Oregon, have introduced for each payment of the bonus in 1938 would pass at the coming session of Congress, even if vetoed by President Roosevelt.

His prediction was made shortly after Speaker Byrns, of the House, told reporters he believed both House and Senate would dispose of the bonus issue by February 1.

Byrnes made his statement at the White House after explaining the provisions of his till to the President. He would not say whether he thought the measure might meet a presidential veto.

men, the senator said it would provide a 97 percent cash payment immediately, but that veterans holding their bonus certificates for two more years would get the full face value.

"I am satisfied that the bill I have described can secure a two-thirds vote in the Senate," Byrnes said. "We hape an agreement in the steering committee that the finance committee is a growing belief about Raleigh will be requested to report a bill with- that Colonel Luke Lea is going to get in two weeks after Congress meets. a parole soon.

Byrnes said he had discussed the were satisfied with it.

"Death Stirring" All About, Accused Slayer Is Quoted

Smithfield, Dec. 19 (AF)--Marvin Batten, charged with the killing last Friday of Mrs. Lyda Daughtry, told a friend that morning "death is stirring around me," and he didn't "like the idea of Mrs. Daughtry living doors on the Colonel. while I am dead," it was testified in Johnston County Superior court today.

Jasper Pittman, a filling station operator at Micro, told the story. A jury of 13 men was completed this morning

him now, it is said. The judge is re-Battern, Pittman testified, came to his filling station at 5 o'clock last Fri- puted to be ready to recommend, at least not to oppose, a parole. And day morning. The man was quoted Colonel Lea on account of his abundas saying "death is stirring" around him, and Pittman testified Batten ant crop of enemies in Tennessee is said he felt like he was going "like not particularly anxious to go out that Dewey Stancill did."

Stancill was killed in a fight two weeks ago with his brother, Odell this circuit he will be in easy reach Stancill, after Odell had accused his of petitioners for Colonel Lea. Meanbrother of aiding his wife in running while, the most illustrious prisoner who ever has served in this state's argund with other men.

Dalmon Edwards, a neighbor of prison, shows unmistakable signs of Batten, testified that he had heard prison wear. He has lost about 50 Batten tell Odell Stancill, who is free under bond pending trial on charges lean proportions of Jim Corbett than in connection with his brother's death, that Batten was expecting to who held heavyweight championships be sent to the roads during the cur- also. Colonel Lea was a gallant solrent term of court on charges of dier, a United States Senator, a big (Continued on Page Three.)

driving an automobile while under the influence of whisky.

He was unwilling, however, to de-Efforts to bring veterans' organizasignate the type of bonus legislation. tions into agreement on a bonus bill Nor would Byrns predict passage over have been started by Senator Steiwer, a veto. He did say that should the in- Republican, of Oregon. The Patman flation element be removed, the bill, vetoed by President Roosevelt bonus legislation would stand a bet- last session, would have made the ter chance of overriding a veto in \$2,000,000.000 outlay through expansion of the currency.

both Senate and House. Byrns said he personally believed The American Legion plan favored it desirable to act on the bonus as orthodox financing methods

LUKE LEA LIKELY COORDINATORS ARE MINDFUL FOR 1936 TO BE FREE SOON

Explaining his bill to newspaper Feeling Around Raleigh Is **Alphabetical Groups Meet** Noted Tennesseean Is Due For Parole.

Daily Dispatch Bureau, In The Sir Walter Hotel, By J. C. BASKERVILL

Raleigh, Dec. 19-Whether the Vir-Raleigh, Dec. 19 Though action is ginia Dare room of the Sir Walter not expected during this year there hotel, in which the various Federal agencies met yesterday was really entertaining a coordination or simply

a convocation, attendants were not Judge M. V. Barnhill, who comes certain, but the meeting was held measure with many veterans, who to the Raleigh district the first of and it was told that it must show rethe year is said to be in humor to sults.

help Colonel Lea whom the judge sentenced to the State's prison for a term National Emergency Council program called the meeting and the entire alof six to eight years for alleged conspiracy to wreck the Central Bank phebetical outfit was here. Gov. J. C. B. Ehringhaus, United States and Trust Company of Asheville. Senator J. W. Bailey, Congressman Judge Barnhill opposed the pardon in John H. Kerr, and other members of July. Clemency was then sought on the basis of newly discovered evidence the delegation in Washington spoke. and that alone, but Parole Commis-Mr. Gantt presided and Governor Ehringhaus welcomed these agencies sioner Edwin M. Gill and Governor

Ehringhaus were not impressed with to whom he gave his pledge of coopethat evidence, nor was Judge Barnration. Senator Bailey found them confushill. But neither the judge nor the governor went so far as to close the ing in multiplication, but one in pur-

pose to attack the greatest disaster the nation has known. "These agen-There has been no new move, cercies mean that this attack, led by a tainly none of the character first ungreat governor and by a magnificent dertaken with a campaign for clepresident, of a great people," he said. mency, but the Barnhill letter of last He asked can the government risk itsummer would be much modified by self in this fight. That answer depends upon the administratives of this program, he said and 75 per cent of the success of all legislation depends upon administration. He made the people laugh when he said evidently the work done has been fundamentally and lastingly successful since Her-But when Judge Barnhill comes to bert Hoover is beginning to claim credit for it. Mr. Bailey reminded the visitors that there is great hosti-

lity to this program and everything is being me to defeat it. Congressman Kerr thought the government ought to make it not for the

pounds and is trained more to the parader of isms, communism, atheism, infidelism, things that aim at the very of Primo Carnera and Jess Willard essence and foundation of government. He would have no place in this country for them.

After the entire lot of agencies had

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Depression.

Daily Dispatch Burean, In The Sir Walter Hotel, By J. C. BASKERVILL Raleigh, Dec. 19.—Reduction of

highway deaths in November, with the fastest, newest and greatest num- Italians attacked us. we would retalber of machines ever registered in the late, and, judging from past history The cerie mystery of Thelma Todd State, brought to North Carolina its we should retaliate with full success." Sir Samuel warned: best Christmas present, some of the State officials were observing today.

October, 1935, was banner month of all time for slaughter. The 131 fatalities made a profound impression here. The new highway patrol had the first month produced the record-

breaker. When the highway patrol gave out its figures yesterday and found that there were 92 deaths in November, which normally would have added to the October total, every man on this hill was happy. Governor

Ehringhaus and Revenue Commissioner A. J. Maxwell joined in the general joy.

Slaughter generally has followed prosperity. The department has lost some of its records, but November. 1928, showed 77 deaths. There is no 1929 statement available, but in November, 1930, there were 102 killings

and in the same month the next year R. M. Gantt, State director of the 74. The hard times took more machines off the roads in 1932 and 65 deaths were recorded. There was a vast upward swing in 1933 and November of that year brought back a

115.

for 1934, there are 23 fewer deaths. It is therefore the most hopeful just a freak condition, but in the highway department there is a belief assure security, but specifies each

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ber that he did not entirely approve State Was in Depths of the ed the best aid to Franco-British relations.

The resigned foreign secretary as- Estranged Wife Of Miss sured his audience that in any case Great Britain had not advocated the plan from fear of Italy, stating: "We had no fear as a nation what-

ever of any Italian threat. If the

"The situation has become more acute. I believe we now are enter- tention of a grand jury today. ing a much more dangerous phase." He told his colleagues that the British alone were taking military gone to work, a force doubled. And precautions on behalf of the League of Nations, and that no other member had taken such steps.

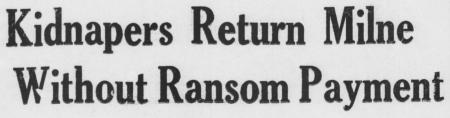
Delay in affecting peace in East Africa, he declared, might mean an irresistible drift to a European war.

> Japan's Stubborn **Demand For Great** Navy Emphasized

London, Dec. 19 (AP)-Japan's stubborn, unswerving determination to have a navy equal to any, regardles of world opposition, emerged clearer today as sea power delegates debated the merits of British compromise proposals.

16 were 511,894 for 1935 and 408,855 stead of rights," the Japanese made no secret of strong objections. The preamble of the tentative plan augury of the entire year. It may be recognizes the right of each power to possess naval strength necessary to

> base construction on the minimum adequate to obtain security.



Doylestown, Fenn., Dec. 19 (AP)- | ill, was found shortly before mid-Caleb Milne IV, held four days by night-dazed, doped, bruised and kidnapers was abandoned by his ab- trussed beside a roadside ditch near ductors without the payment of cent here.

Today he was recovering in a Doyof the \$50,000 ransom they demanded lestown hospital. Doctors said his the Department of Justice announced condition was not serious. Federal today.

The 24-year-old grandson of a agents, who had the actor and my wealthy retired textile manufacturer stery story writer in technical custody of Philadelphia, lured from his New made no effort during the night to York City apartment Saturday by a question him in detail. Physicians note that said his grandfather was said he should be allowed to rest,



(Central Press)

General Plutarco Calles glares at

camera in Mexico City as he returns

from self-imposed exile in U.S. to

reenter Mexican politics, which he formerly dominated. Fears are

expressed his return means new

political turmoil.

Todd's Partner Adds to

Mystery of Case

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 19 (AP)-

driving with a "foreign looking man"

in Hollywood hours after she was

supposed to have died, claimed at-

This angle of the strange case was

given to police by Mrs. Carmen West.

estranged wife of the screen star's

business partner and owner of the

garage where she was found dead

of dark complexion whom I did not

recognize, about 11 p. m., Sunday,'

"I saw Thelma Todd with a man

This was about 16 or 17 hours after

the actress was supposed to have died

stances that do not satisfy us. We in-

tend to clear them up. County Che-

mist R. J. Abernathy began a com-

plete chemical analysis of the actress'

vital organs, presumably to determine

whether she was possibly drugged be-

fore the fumes of the carbon monox-

WEATHER

FOR NORTH CAROLINA.

Partly cloudy in extreme west

portion tonight; Friday partly

will require several days

cloudy and colder.

Monday.

Mrs. West related.

her identification.

ing her story.

did everything in my power to make a settlement possible. "The proposals which we merged

from the discussions in Paris were not French or British, in the sense that we like them. Neither Laval nor I liked many features of them."

LEAGUE ENTRUSTS PLANS IN HANDS OF COMMITTEE Geneva, Dec. 19 (AP)-The League

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DOCTOR MUST SERVE PENITENTIARY TERM

Whitely of Mecklenburg Convicted of Receiving Goods Stolen from Cannon Mills

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Raleigh, Dec. 19 .- Dr. Whitley, of Mecklenburg county, has lost his fight for freedom and must serve his three to five years' sentence for receiv stolen goods, knowing them to b

in her garage near Santa Monica. been stolen. Mrs. West said she was positive of Parole Commissioner Edwin

Gill, after hearing newly discovered evidence in the case, says none strong enough to outweigh the presumption of guilt after the may had found the physician guilty. The doctor will come to Raleigh about the first of the year District Attorney Fitts, declaring the chief question is "when did Thelma Todd die?" said he would question Mrs. West today concern-Fitts announced "there are circum-

to begin sentence. Judge Hoyle Sink vehemently opposed the exercise of clemency and declared that he would be against any modification of the judgment which he imposed. Many citizens of his community joined in the offort to get pardon. The physician was convicted in Cabarrus of receiving goods which had been stolen from the Cannon Mills at Kanapolis.

CONSTITUTIONALITY OF TVA IS ARGUED

Alabama Power Stockholders Battle in Supreme Court; Vermont Joins In Attack

Washington, Dec. 19. -(AP) -Validity of the Tennessee Valley Authority act was challenged today before the Supreme Court by Forney Johnston, Birmingham attorney, on the ground that it put the Federal government into the power business, in violation of the Constitution.

He was the first speaker for a group of 14 minority stockholders of the Alabama Power Company, who are seeking to prevent the Tennessee Valley Authority from proceeding with its project to establish a "yard stick" to measure the proper cost of electricity.

The stockholders won in the Federal district court for northern Alabama, but lost in the circuit court of appeals at New Orleans. The latter court held the TVA act constitutional.

Vermont attacked the Federal power program as an invasion of state's rights,



While American, French and Italnew high-105. Times got better, au- ian conferees, after a recess for study tomobiles speedier and more plentiful and consideration, voiced approval of ide caused her death. The, analysis and a year ago these deaths rose to the principle of the British proposal, With many more cars now, the that each nation set a limit on new last figures given out for December construction, based on naval needs in-