

## FDR ASKS REPEAL TOBACCO, COTTON ACTS

### Farm Benefits Bill Passes Senate As Democrats Rally To Put New Farm Bill Over

#### SOIL CONSERVATION PROGRAM IS UP FOR DEBATE IN SENATE

Democratic Leaders Predict Defeat of Any and All Inflation Efforts at Present

#### OVERHEAD COSTS OF BONUS PROVIDED FOR

Bill Carries \$12,278,000 for That Purpose; Expansion of Domestic and Foreign Markets Planned; Permanent Program To Depend Partly Upon States

Washington, Feb. 3.—(AP)—The Senate today passed and sent to conference with the House the \$367,770,000 deficiency bill, carrying \$286,155,000 for farm benefits under old AAA contracts, and \$12,278,000 for expenses incident to paying the bonus.

Action was taken shortly after the House Agriculture Committee approved a combined temporary and permanent substitute farm plan for the invalidated AAA.

The amount for paying AAA contracts already had been approved by the House, but other amendments to the deficiency bill, including the bonus cost, will necessitate sending the measure to conference to reconcile the differences.

The measure was broadened beyond the Bankhead bill pending in the Senate to provide for expansion of the domestic and foreign markets.

As approved by a 17 to 6 ballot.

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#### Bill For Selling Cotton In Hand of Government Ready

Washington, Feb. 3.—(AP)—Some-what changed from its original draft, a bill to liquidate the government's cotton holdings was introduced in the Senate today by Chairman Smith, Democrat, South Carolina, chairman of the agriculture committee.

The measure would provide for appointment by the President of a three-man board to dispose of the cotton instead of a designated sales agent, as originally contemplated.

Another change would increase the limit of weekly sales permitted from 20,000 to 25,000 bales, and set a 15,000-bale minimum.

Under the new plan, the sales board would be empowered to suspend weekly sales during September, October and November, the peak months for the disposal of new crops.

#### Oil Embargo On Italy Is Considered

League Group May Act as Both Battle Fronts Are Comparatively Quiet

(By The Associated Press.)

The diplomatic phases of the Italo-Ethiopian war re-assumed prominence today as a League of Nations committee of experts met in Geneva to determine whether an oil embargo against Italy would be practical.

The League advocates long have held that the easiest way to preserve peace was to hamstring the sinews of war of belligerent nations under the League covenant which provides sanctions against aggressor nations.

With all one of the major sinews of

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### Little Hope For Ending Cold Wave Seen As Snow Is Promised In Midwest

#### France May Block German Expansion

Paris, Feb. 3.—(AP)—French authorities pursued negotiations with Balkan rulers and statesmen today, authoritative sources said, in an attempt to raise a wall against any German expansion in eastern Europe.

#### 4 Killed In Clashes On Soviet Line

Moscow, Russia, Feb. 3.—(AP)—The high command of the Soviet Far Eastern army accused the Japanese and Manchukuo troops, in a communique today, of taking up a position facing the Soviet border and sending scouts into Soviet territory.

#### Russia Accuses Japan and Manchukuo of Raids Across Border Frontier

The scouts were compelled to retire back to the Japanese-sponsored state of Manchukuo under the fire of Soviet frontier guards, leaving one of their number dead, the communique said.

The announcement invited "any impartial committee" to investigate the incidents which have been occurring on the border between the Soviet Far

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#### 8 Men Dead In Blaze At Parker Dam

Los Angeles, Cal., Feb. 3.—(AP)—Eight men burned to death in a dormitory fire at Parker Dam on the Colorado river, the Metropolitan Water District was informed today.

It was feared others had perished. A score of more were injured, said a brief telephonic message from the six companies' headquarters.

Ninety men were asleep in the dormitory. A high wind swept the flames through the structure and carried the blaze to the mess hall and commissary, which was also destroyed.

Parker dam is being built approximately 100 miles south of Boulder Dam to divert a portion of the Colorado river into the \$20,000,000 aqueduct being built by the Metropolitan Water District of Los Angeles and nearby communities.

Search for bodies was started by fellow workmen in the isolated construction village.

The fire broke out at 2:30 a. m., and in a few minutes the dormitory was in flames, the victims being trapped in their bunks.

An appeal was sent out for doctors and nurses in hospitals.

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#### Mercury Rises Over Week-End But Respite Will Be Only Temporary, Forecasts Say

#### FAR WEST TO GET TASTE OF WINTER

Deaths From Frigid Weather Continue in Sections, While Week-End Sees 50 Traffic Fatalities, Many Due Partly to Weather; Food Dropped on Island

Chicago, Feb. 3.—(AP)—Weather observers who do not take much stock in the groundhog myth forecast more snow for many sections today and offered little encouragement for a break in the cold wave.

While the mercury in several states rose yesterday and some forecasts were for warmer weather today, most of them warned the respite would be only temporary, and that colder weather would follow Tuesday.

Even the Far West states, virtually the only ones that have not suffered from the cold this year, reported below normal forecasts for today and tomorrow, with snow forecasts today over northern California.

Predictions of more snow brought warnings in some sections of floods later in the spring.

Death due to the weather continued, with Iowa and Alabama each reporting three burned to death; Ohio one from exposure, South Dakota one from carbon monoxide.

Fifty traffic fatalities over the week-end were reported, many due in part to climatic conditions.

Food was delivered by airplane and dirigible to 1,500 persons stranded on Tangier Island in Chesapeake Bay. They had not been in touch with the mainland for two weeks.

#### MYSTERIOUS "SOS" RECEIVED BY RADIO

Miami, Fla., Feb. 3.—(AP)—The Coast guard reported today the naval radio station at Coco Solo, Canal Zone, had intercepted an SOS signed simply "S-55."

It was not known what nature of vessel flashed the distress signal, but coast guard officers here believed the designation might be either aircraft or submarine, rather than a surface ship.

#### Jersey Governor Is Ready To Lay Cards on Table In Lindbergh Inquiry

Trenton, N. J., Feb. 3.—(AP)—Governor Harold G. Hoffman was reported ready today to identify the "mysterious man with the handkerchief" in the Lindbergh kidnaping, and possibly to order his arrest.

Sources close to the governor indicated he would ask State police either to arrest the man or to clear him of any suspicion in the crime.

The mysterious man was seen by Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh outside St. Raymond's cemetery in the Bronx the night Dr. John F. (Jafie) Condon paid the futile \$50,000 ransom for the return of Lindbergh's infant son.

After hearing the colonel's accounts of the man, police, in their first investigation of the crime, set him down

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#### NIAGARA'S WINTER BRIDAL VEIL



When winter comes to Niagara Giant stalactites, Jack Frost's winter work, transform the Bridal Veil falls at the Cave of the Winds, Niagara Falls, N. Y., into a frigid yet beautiful catacomb.

### Tobacco Crop This Year May Be Most In History

#### State College Expert, Back From Tour Eastern Carolina, Fears Huge Tobacco and Cotton Yields, With Ruinous Prices; Appeal Is Made

College Station, Raleigh, Feb. 3.—North Carolina farmers are preparing to increase their plantings of cotton and tobacco this year.

According to present indications, said E. W. Gaither, district farm agent at State College, the tobacco crop in 1936 may be the biggest ever raised in the State.

Gaither has just returned from a tour of Eastern North Carolina, where he met with the county program planning committees in the various counties.

At these meetings, he said, the farmers reported that the cotton plantings this year will amount to 75 or 80 percent of the base acreage, as compared to 65 to 70 percent in 1935.

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### LIBERTY LEAGUERS AFTER ROOSEVELT

#### That Appears To Be Only Objective of Their Present Program

By CHARLES F. STEWART Central Press Staff Writer

Washington, Feb. 3.—What, after all, does the American Liberty League propose to do?

According to Al Smith, the Democrats in its ranks will "take a walk"—that is to say, they will bolt the official Democratic ticket, if Pres-

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### G. O. P. RANKS ARE GREATLY CONFUSED

#### National Committee Can't Even Decide on Convention Plans

By LESLIE EICHEL Central Press Staff Writer

Cleveland, Feb. 3.—Looking at the working of the National Republican Committee from this convention city, one begins to wonder at its efficiency.

The National Democratic Committee under Jim Farley functions perfectly. The Republican committee doesn't even seem to be able to decide on convention arrangements, much less on a constructive program.

Seeing the arrangements committee in action is not conducive to belief that the Republicans will have a very pleasant convention.

In fact, in spite of Cleveland's lake breezes, the convention's platform committee is likely to perspire freely.

Although Republicans elsewhere gleefully discussed Al Smith's Liberty League attack on the New Deal, the Republicans in charge of arranging for the Big Show in Cleveland did not appear so gleeful. The persistent attacks on All the New Deal policies leave nothing unattacked to put into the Republican platform.

Likewise, when the Republican arrangements committee descended on

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### Recommendation Made As Result Of Death Of The AAA

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FOR NORTH CAROLINA. Cloudy, occasional rain tonight and Tuesday; slowly rising temperature followed by much colder Tuesday night and possibly in extreme west portion Tuesday afternoon.