

## State Department Denies Any Hand In Charges On Japan

### No Collaboration in Any Respect Whatever With Senator Pittman, Hull Declares

### HUGE ARMY FUND IS PRESSED IN HOUSE

### Total Military Expenses of \$338,782,232 Likely To Be Voted by Night; Tokyo Papers Play Up Pittman Speech and Resent Judgment Here Against Japan

Washington, Feb. 11.—(AP)—The State Department pointedly held aloof today from anti-Japanese criticism in a Congress where advocates of a stronger army and navy are demanding quick action to bolster national defenses.

Soon after Senator Pittman, Democrat, Nevada, had charged and Japanese spokesmen had denied that Japan's policy is a threat to American interests, Secretary Hull stressed that his department was not responsible for the Pittman speech in which the chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee advocated increased naval and air strength.

"There has been no regard as to whether his speech no speculation or collaboration between him and me," Hull told inquiring newspaper men.

Meanwhile, House backers of a peace-time record appropriation for the army sought to obtain a vote by tonight. The measure providing total military expenditures of \$338,782,232, including funds to strengthen western defenses, was introduced yesterday. It was not, however, accompanied by criticism of any nation.

In Tokyo, newspapers played up the Pittman speech. A foreign office spokesman declared signatories of the nine power treaty had no right to review Japan's action because of what she had done in Manchuria or China.

## Slain Writer



Carl Taylor

This is a new photo of Carl Taylor, magazine writer, slain near Albuquerque, N. M., while engaged in writing an account of the strangest religious cult of North America, the Penitentes. Modesto Trujillo, Taylor's houseboy, is said to have confessed to the slaying giving robbery as the motive.

## 2 Mission Men Taken For Safety

### Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, Feb. 11.—(AP)—Two North American missionaries who refused to leave the danger zone have been put under arrest in southwest Gamo province.

Crown Prince Assef Wassan was learned today to have ordered their release. Lack of communications with the interior made it impossible to determine immediately whether the local chieftain who made the arrest had complied with the order.

The Rev. Harold Street, of Paxton, Ill., one of the captives, has been shackled with a dog chain connecting his legs. Mrs. Street and her four children were under guard.

The other missionary, Rev. John Crewin, of Toronto, was also under arrest but not shackled.

Both missionaries are members of the Sudan Interior Mission. Dr. T. A. Lambie, head of the mission in Ethiopia, said both men were well treated. Government officials described the action of the Gamo chieftain in arresting the two missionaries as "over-zealousness" for the safety of the missionaries.

## Miss Statler Had Warning Of Marriage

### Harvard Legal Expert Had Told Her Not To Wed Davidson, He Testifies

Carthage, Feb. 11.—(AP)—W. Barton Leach, Harvard law professor, who testified Mrs. Elva Statler Davidson's will, testified today in the suit over its legality that H. Bradley Davidson, Jr., her husband, had nothing to do with its making.

"It was I who induced her to make a will, but she used her own judgments as to the requests," Leach testified.

By agreement of attorneys, the contest is based solely on the question of undue influence, with no attack to be made on the grounds of mental incompetency.

Carthage, Feb. 11.—(AP)—W. Barton Leach, Harvard law professor, and advisor to Elva Statler, testified today in the suit over the young

## PLAN REFUNDING OF STATE'S DEBT

### Ehringhaus and Johnson Proceeding Under Act of 1935 Legislature

### TO REDUCE INTEREST

### Great Saving Would Result to State If This Could Be Done, but Goaded by McDonald, but Following Policy

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

Raleigh, Feb. 11.—State Treasurer Charles M. Johnson and Governor J. C. B. Ehringhaus are working on a plan to refund some of the State's long term refunding bonds that will save the State millions of dollars in interest alone, State Treasurer Johnson said today. They are proceeding under a law which they wrote jointly and had passed by the 1935 General Assembly. Neither the law nor the plan was suggested in any way by Dr. Ralph W. McDonald, one of the candidates for governor, who has recently been suggesting the widespread refunding of the State's bonded indebtedness, Johnson said.

"The governor and I discussed the possibility of refunding some of the State's debt long before the 1935 General Assembly met and we worked out the law and had it passed before Dr. McDonald knew anything about it. In fact, I cannot recall that he even mentioned any State refunding operations until after the General Assembly adjourned and he became a candidate for governor," Johnson said.

"The thing that limits any exten-

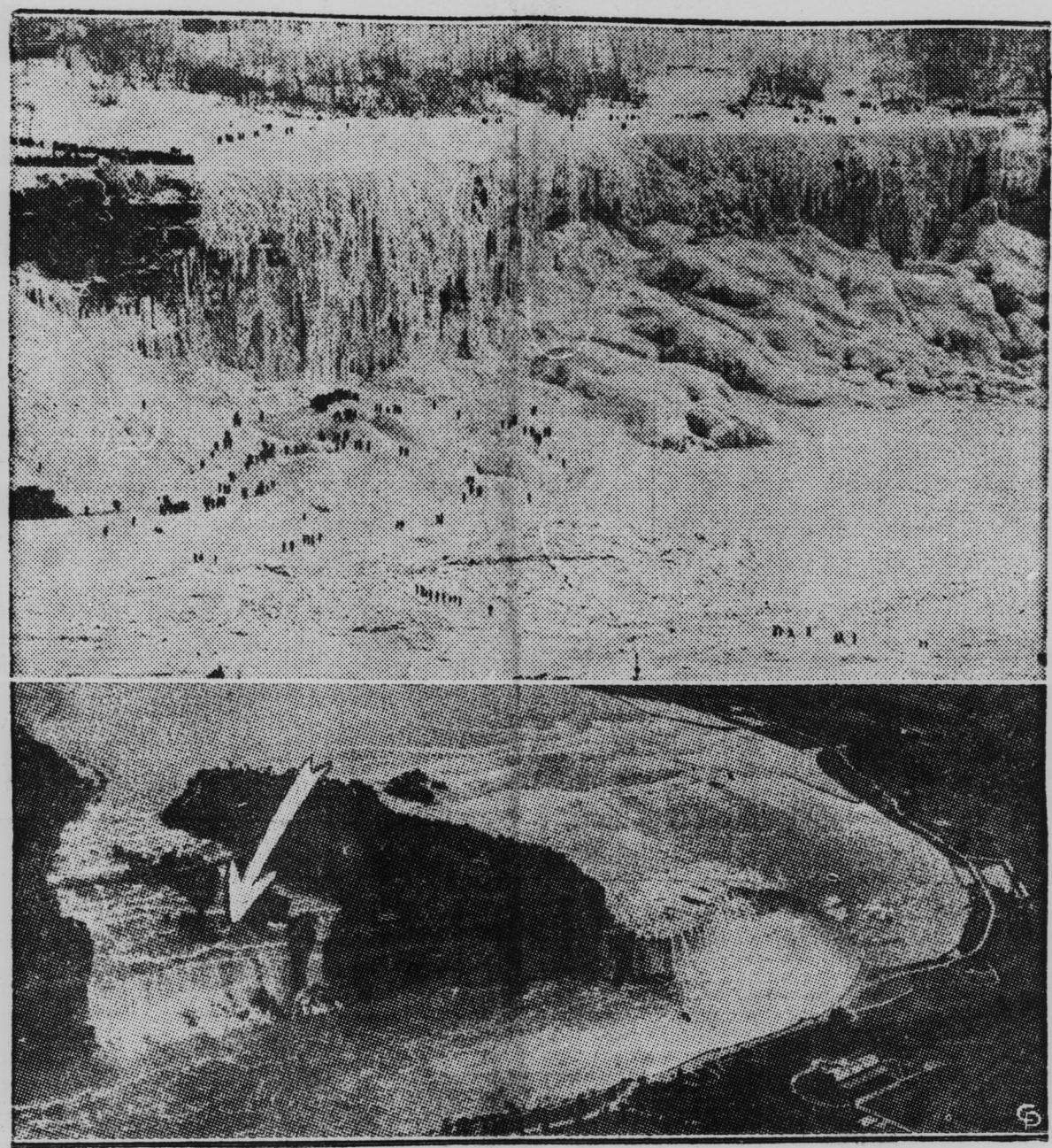
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## Two A. C. L. Enginemen Are Killed

Moncks Corner, S. C., Feb. 11.—(AP)—Engineer C. B. Rutledge and Fireman Paul Etheridge, Negro, were burned to death by steam here today when a side rod broke on the engine pulling the Atlantic Coast Line's south bound Florida special.

Both men lived at Florence. K. M. Teer, railroad agent here, said the accident happened about 5 a. m., and that the train resumed its journey two hours later, being pulled by another engine. No one else was hurt.

## Niagara Falls Frozen? No, Just American Falls



American falls frozen over, top; panoramic view of Niagara, below, showing where American Falls are.

Reports that Niagara Falls had been completely frozen over have caused considerable wonderment throughout the United States. However, only the American falls, shown top and left below, were frozen completely. The Canadian falls, or the Horseshoe falls, still rolls merrily on as it always

has. The Canadian falls is shown at the right in the panoramic picture taken last summer. In the meantime, crowds of sightseers have been disporting themselves over the ice bridge below the fantastically frozen American falls. Niagara has become as much a winter as a summer resort.

## Soil Conservation Program Endorsed By Farm Leaders

Washington, Feb. 11.—(AP)—Endorsement of the subsidy soil conservation farm bill was given President Roosevelt today by leaders of the American Farm Bureau Federation as a plan was attacked and defended on the Senate floor.

Edward A. O'Neal, president of the federation, and Earl C. Smith, president of the Illinois Agriculture Association, called on the President with Secretary Wallace.

"We are for the bill," O'Neal said. "No changes were recommended by the federation."

Constitutional phases of the Smith-Bankhead bill at that moment were being assailed by Senator Hastings, Republican, Delaware, and defended by Robinson, the Democratic leader.

Coincidentally a new farm bill was introduced in the Senate by Republican Leader McNary, of Oregon, providing for increased tariff payments to farmers, based on the domestic allotment plan and use of customs receipts to encourage production of new products, and find new markets.

The measure was offered "by request," McNary said George N. Peck, who resigned recently as the administration export trade advisor, had

drafted it. Shortly after its introduction, Senator Hastings, Republican, Delaware, attacked on the floor the Smith-Bankhead bill as a proposal "to control the farmers themselves," and to give jobs to the thousands of Democrats who were employed under the AAA.

Democratic Leader Robinson interrupted Hastings to assert the "last Republican platform declared for control of agricultural production, and the pending AAA replacement bill came within the bounds of the Supreme Court decision invalidating the adjustment act.

## Hoey Speech Pleasing To Graham Men

### Will Drive Support To Their Man from Both McDonald and Hoey Extremes

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Raleigh, Feb. 11.—The supporters of Lieutenant Governor A. H. Graham are delighted at the reaction over the State to the speech made last week in Charlotte and broadcast by radio, by Clyde R. Hoey, of Shelby, the first political speech he has made since he announced his candidacy for the Democratic nomination for governor. They definitely feel that the speech has already helped Graham more than it did Hoey by its absence of anything to indicate that Hoey, if elected governor, would not continue the same policies and same course already established by former Governor O. Max Gardner and Governor J. C. B. Ehr-

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## Air Liner Missing In S. Atlantic

### Rio de Janeiro, Feb. 11 (AP)—Two airplanes and three cutters started out today to search the area off the northeast coast of Brazil for the air liner Ville de Buenos Aires, missing since yesterday on a trans-Atlantic flight.

On board the plane were the crew of five and one passenger, Emile Barriere, Buenos Aires director of the French air line, operator of the missing seaplane.

The Air France seaplane Ville Rio de Janeiro and the land plane Centaurs started out from Natal to cooperate with three Air France

## LEWIS MAY BUILD U. S. LABOR PARTY

### Bolt of Miners from A. F. of L. Has Trend Decidedly In That Way

By CHARLES P. STEWART Central Press Staff Writer

Washington, Feb. 11.—John L. Lewis' industrial union movement shows an increasing tendency toward a national labor party.

Except in one instance, it always has been the A. F. of L.'s policy to keep clear of partisan politics. Its members naturally have had their preferences as between platforms and candidates, but collectively they have avoided endorsements—except, as previously remarked, once; they did endorse the elder Senator Robert M. La Follette for president in 1924. And many old timers, while they warmly approved of the late Senator La Follette, think that that was an error.

Samuel Gompers established the long-recognized A. F. of L. principle that unionism functions most effectively independently of party tie-ups.

Ever since his time his school of

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## DOWELL TO BE REAL THREAT TO DURHAM

### State Auditor Race This Time Will Be Genuine Contest for Office

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Raleigh, Feb. 11.—Willard L. Dowell secretary of the North Carolina Merchants Association who has just announced his candidacy for the Democratic nomination for State auditor, is regarded in most circles here as being a really formidable candidate against State Auditor Baxter Durham, although one other candidate, Charles W. Miller, of Asheville, has already announced for the same office. But the prevailing opinion here is that the real race will be between Durham and

## New Tax Sources Might Produce Up To \$900,000,000

### Dies in Ice Rescue



William V. Hunter

Frozen to death while aiding a rescue party dragging food-filled sleds to the marooned inhabitants of Smith's Island off Maryland's eastern shore in Chesapeake Bay, Quartermaster Sergeant William V. Hunter, of the Maryland state police, is being named for a hero's honors. Hunter died on the ice and six others of a rescue party of 15 nearly lost their lives when overcome by the cold.

(Central Press)

## Administration Studies Fields for Money to Finance Old and New Farm Programs

### NEW PROCESSING TAXES INCLUDED

### Would Be Called "Excise" Levy on Processing of Farm Commodities; Retroactive Excess Profits or Special Income Tax Would Go After Refunded Money

Washington, Feb. 11 (AP)—Tax sources estimated to provide for \$500,000,000 to \$900,000,000 annually today were reported under consideration by administration experts for revenue to finance the new farm program and pay the old AAA's obligations.

In canvassing sources for revenue, it was learned that three particular fields are receiving attention:

1. Enactment of excise taxes on processing of farm commodities, to raise about \$400,000,000.
2. Enactment of other taxes to raise from \$200,000,000 to \$250,000,000.
3. Enactment of retroactive excess profits or special income taxes to recover from processors the \$200,000,000 in impounded taxes returned to manufacturers under the Supreme Court ruling in the rice millers case.

Which or what combination of these would be selected finally was not known.

Authoritative quarters said the administration probably would center its attention upon the excise taxes. The recommendations were reported to be prepared for use of congressional committees.

The excise taxes, following closely in form the new invalidated processing taxes, were reported designed to become a permanent levy to serve as the "farmer's tariff" to meet the cost of the soil conservation program.

While scores of suggestions concerning the excise tax rates were said

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## ONE MAN RESCUED IN LAKE MICHIGAN; TWO MORE FREEZE

### Clayton Brown, 25, Comes Back To Tell How He Refused To Die on Great Ice Floes

### CLUBBED OTHERS TO REMAIN CONSCIOUS

### Brown's Life Saved by Ministrations of Indian Family Into Whose Cabin He Stumbled Last Night; Frantic Hunt for Trio Of Missing Men Ends

Charlevoix, Mich., Feb. 11.—(AP)—Clayton Brown, 25-year-old fisherman, given up for lost with two companions swept into Lake Michigan Saturday before a 40-mile sub-zero gale, came back today to tell how he refused to die.

Brown crawled on frozen hands and legs seven miles across rough shore ice, after Claude Beardsley, 51, his father-in-law, and Earl Cunningham, coast guard surferman, froze to death in the small boat before it jammed into a floe and stuck.

Brown's life was saved, physicians said, by the ministrations of an Indian family into whose cabin he stumbled early last night.

In a hospital here today, Brown told his family of the 48-hour struggle to keep his companions from freezing

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## BORAH MIGHT GAIN OHIO'S DELEGATION

### But Vandenberg Hopes To Be Beneficiary of His Fight There

By LESLIE EICHEL Central Press Staff Writer

New York, Feb. 11.—One Republican observer with equanimity the entrance of Senator William E. Borah into Ohio to give open battle to the regulars. That man is Senator Arthur H. Vandenberg of Michigan.

The stage had all been set for "favorite sons" in Ohio and elsewhere, to permit a "trading basis" at the national convention in Cleveland.

Senator Borah objected to that. The "favorite son" states could swing enough votes to nominate Gov. Alfred M. Landon of Kansas.

Now Senator Borah will fight a battle royal with the regulars, and try to prevent the choosing of "favorite sons" in such big states as Ohio.

Adherents of Senator Vandenberg believe that when the two sides have

## FDR Takes Delegation In Illinois

Washington, Feb. 11.—(AP)—While developments in Chicago pointed today to a primary contest in Illinois between Senator Borah and Colonel Frank Knox for the Republican presidential nomination, Democratic spokesmen asserted here that President Roosevelt was assured of the State's entire delegation at the Democratic convention.

Announcement by Edgar J. Cooke, head of the Liberal Republican Voters League, that he would enter Borah's name in the Illinois primary April 14, confirmed reports here that the senator soon would expand his field again.

A prospect of Borah invading the home-State of his prospective rival, Knox, intrigued politicians and stirred speculation over the plans of Governor Alf M. Landon, of Kansas.

While the Republican battle lines were forming for the Illinois primary, Patrick A. Nash, Democratic national committeeman from that State, asserted here that Illinois would send 58 Roosevelt-pledged delegates to the national convention in Philadelphia.

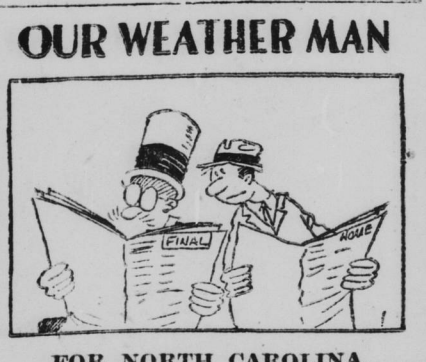
## Argue Pact For France With Soviet

## Pledges Either Country to Aid the Other in Event of Attack from Europe

Paris, Feb. 11 (AP)—France's mutual assistance treaty with Soviet Russia, intended to protect the two nations against any German attack, was called up for debate in the Chamber of Deputies today on the question of its ratification.

Approval of the pact was considered generally a foregone conclusion. Rightist deputies, however, indicated they would attack the treaty, with even socialist acceptance of the pact

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FOR NORTH CAROLINA. Generally fair, not quite so cold tonight; Wednesday increasing cloudiness, followed by snow or rain by night.

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