

LEGISLATORS HOPE FOR 90-DAY TERM IN REGULAR SITTING

Members Leave Raleigh After Special Session Enacts Unemployment Compensation Act

AGRICULTURE WILL BE LARGE PROBLEM

Grange and Farm Bureau Have Both Asked for To- bacco Control Through State Compacts; Special Session Fifth and Shortest Extra Since 1900

Raleigh, Dec. 17.—(AP)—Members of North Carolina's legislature rested from their duties today after a record breaking special session and prepared for the regular biennial meeting starting January 6.

The special session covered seven days but only six were legislative working days and not a single negative vote was recorded as an unemployment compensation measure was enacted.

It was the fifth special session since 1900, and the shortest of the other four was 12 days in 1908.

Faced with most of the same problems which have caused recent sessions to run from January until mid-May, the legislators expressed hope as usual for a short regular session.

Senator A. Hall Johnston, of Buncombe, the Senate president protem, predicted the regular session would be completed in about 90 days.

Senator J. A. Patterson, of Scotland, and Representatives W. W. Eagles, of Edgecombe and W. E. Fenner, of Nash said they expected legislation dealing with agriculture to play an unusually important part in the regular session's deliberations.

Both the State Grange and State Farm Bureau Federation have passed resolutions asking for tobacco crop control through State compact laws and during the campaign Governor-elect Clyde R. Hoey pledged himself to aid the farmers in securing better prices for their products.

Crisis Grows While Strikes Spread More

(By The Associated Press.)

Strike tension in the automobile industry, already beset by walk-outs of glass workers and wheel-makers, increased today with picketing of a Detroit cushion and upholstery plant.

Trade observers in Wall Street estimated some 75,000 workers were out in eleven major strikes now under way, the principal ones being in the maritime shipping and automobile industries.

The new picketing appeared at the National Auto Fibres, Inc., factory.

At Washington a conference was called by John L. Lewis, head of the Committee for Industrial Organization, and leaders of the glass and automobile workers union. Conference present included President Glenn McCabe, of the flat glass workers, who have 14,000 members on strike, and President Homer Martin, of the United Automobile Workers.

McCabe and Martin announced last week their unions would cooperate in labor disputes.

Social Act Enacted By 25 States

North Carolina, Ohio and West Virginia Latest Legislatures To Meet

Washington, Dec. 17 (AP)—Enactment of unemployment insurance laws in Ohio, North Carolina and West Virginia brought to 25 today the States cooperating with the Federal program.

Indications are nearly 35 states will be in line before the new year. Only eight and the District of Columbia had such laws a year ago.

The Virginia legislature was expected to act today. The Minnesota legislature was called to meet today for the same purpose.

Special sessions began yesterday in Maine and Tennessee. The Michigan, Iowa, New Jersey and Vermont legislatures meet next Monday.

Two developments account for the burst of activity. First, the Supreme Court upheld the New York State unemployment law. Thereafter, the security board made plain it would not recommend any extension of the dead line for states to get their share of 1936 payrolls.

ROOSEVELT HOME FROM PEACE CONFERENCE



Home from his eventual trip to the Inter-American peace conference in Buenos Aires, President Roosevelt landed at Charleston, S. C., from the cruiser Indianapolis. He is shown en route to the railway station to catch a train for Washington just after coming down the gangplank. Left to right: Capt. Henry H. Hewitt, commander of the Indianapolis; the President, Mrs. James Roosevelt, wife of his eldest son, and Mayor Burnet R. Maybank.

Peace Parley Drops Idea Of American League Of Nations

6,000 Women Write Edward In Approval Of Simpson Romance

Envesed, Austria, Dec. 17.—(AP)—The Duke of Windsor, suffering again from severe headaches received 6,000 letters from feminine admirers today applauding his "romantic gesture" in giving up the British throne for Wallis Warfield Simpson.

Eight hundred of the writers also asked the British prince for jobs, most of them expressing a preference for secretarial work.

Reliable sources disclosed the duke suffered last night from another attack of severe head pains which some

said might be connected with his ear affliction.

Attendants at the castle of Baron Eugene de Rothschild, where the former ruler is a guest emphasized the "duke is not really ill."

The presence of the abdicated monarch brought a bustle of new excitement to this little Austrian village, where spectators thronged in the hope of getting a glimpse of the man who renounced a throne for love.

An inn-keeper whose best business day formerly had brought \$3 into his till, grossed \$275 yesterday.

MARYLAND ANGLES FOR FORMER KING

Estate on Bay Between Bal- timore and Washington May Be Offered

By CHARLES F. STEWART
Central Press Columnist

Washington, Dec. 17.—If ex-King Edward cares to spend the rest of his life in Maryland, he not only can have an estate there on his own terms undoubtedly he can have it for nothing. Indeed, I surmise that Marylanders would be willing to pay him for dwelling among them if necessary.

Particularly in boom times, as we know, a company with a big factory to establish frequently is able to set localities a-bid for against one another, each with a view to getting the promoters to erect its prospective plant in that neighborhood's midst. Tax exemptions are offered; real estate is proffered at attractive prices; all kinds of inducements are tendered.

The theory (perhaps sound) is that a vast new industry, founded in any given community, can be depended on to inflate property values all 'round about; thus making it profitable for all concerned to persuade said industry to move in.

SEEN AS AN "INDUSTRY"
It is as a possible new industry that Maryland classifies ex-King Edward. Strictly speaking, I should refer to that portion of Maryland rather close to Baltimore. The remote western end of the State has no hope that the ex-monarch will seek a home out in the Cumberland region, where coal mining and the heavier forms of manufacturing prevail. Nor is the eastern peninsula, where civilization has not

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OUR WEATHER MAN



FOR NORTH CAROLINA.
Generally fair; Friday increasing cloudiness.

Three Burn To Death In Their Home

Janesville, Wis., Dec. 17.—(AP)—A mother and two children were burned to death early today in a fire that destroyed their home. The father saved himself and his four-month-old baby by jumping from the second story.

The woman, Mrs. William Ryan, 46, was found at the top of the stairway, in the two-story building. The charred bodies of Frances, 6, and Billy, 5, were found under a bed. In front of the kitchen stove was the dog's carcass.

Ryan and the baby he held in his arms when he leaped were taken to a hospital.

An explosion believed caused by an accumulation of coal gas started the fire.

UNEMPLOYMENT BILL PASSES IN VIRGINIA

Richmond, Va., Dec. 17 (AP)—The Senate and House each passed its own unemployment compensation bill today and the Senate gave unanimous approval to the soil conservation measure recommended by Governor Peery.

EDWIN BRIDGERS, 42, CLAIMED BY DEATH

Paroles Commissioner During McLean Administration Passes at Home in Charlotte

Charlotte, Dec. 17.—(AP)—Edwin Bridgers, 42, Charlotte attorney, who served as State commissioner of paroles several years ago, died today in a hospital here. A rare form of meningitis, a sequel to influenza, was described as the cause of death.

He was a son of the late Dr. J. R. Bridges, president of Presbyterian College of Charlotte, and editor for many years of the Presbyterian Standard. After serving in Raleigh as parole commissioner; during the McLean administration and later, he returned administration and practice law. His firm represented the city as attorneys for four years.

Funeral services will be at the First Presbyterian church here at 11 a. m. Saturday. Survivors include Mrs. Bridges a four-year-old daughter and several brothers and sisters.

Argentine and Brazil Raise Strong Objections to Proposal at Buenos Aires

DOMINICAN ENVOY OFFERS HIS PLAN

Wants That and One by Colombia Studied for Re- port at Next Meeting At Lima, Peru, in 1938; Neu- trality Convention Ready for Plenary Session

Buenos Aires, Dec. 17 (AP)—Proposals for creation of an American League of Nations were sidetracked by an inter-American peace conference committee today after Argentine and Brazil raised strong opposition.

Max Urena, of the Dominican Republic, proposed five jurists be named to study Dominican and Columbian plans and prepare a report for the regular Pan-American Conference scheduled for 1938 at Lima, Peru. Argentine and Brazilian representatives at once objected, and the committee adjourned without acting on the sub-committee's proposal.

The proposed neutrality conventions coordinating existing American peace treaties was ready to be submitted to the plenary peace conference today. The proposal sponsored by all 21 nations at the parley was unanimously approved by the neutrality committee yesterday.

LEGLESS VETERAN POPULAR IN HOUSE

Catawba Representative Rolls Himself Around on Wheeled Platform

Daily Dispatch Bureau,
In the Sir Walter Hotel.

By J. C. BASKERVILLE

Raleigh, Dec. 17.—Ralph Flowers, legless war veteran from Hickory and a member of the House from Catawba county, is already one of the most popular members of the General Assembly. Those who observed him here this week and last are predicting that while Flowers may not have any legs, he more than makes up for this by his brains and pleasing personality and that he is going to be an influential member of the House when the regular session convenes in January. He had very little to say while here

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SHOPPING DAYS TILL Christmas

NANKING HOPING FOR PEACE, ALSO RELEASE OF GEN. CHIANG SOON

FATE OF KAI-SHEK IN DOUBT



Madam Chang Kai-Shek and husband, inset

Fate of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek, Chinese premier seized by the former Manchurian war lord, Marshal Chang Hsueh-Liang, remained in doubt as Mme. Kai-Shek, American-educated wife of the premier, pleaded for her husband's life.

—Central Press

GENERALISSIMO OF REPUBLIC IS AGAIN BELIEVED TO LIVE

Spokesman Bringing Auto- graphed Letter from Chiang To Prove He Is Still Alive

ADVISOR OF REBEL CHIEF HEARD FROM

James Elder's Conversations at Nanking Hearten Gov- ernment To Hope for Smoothing of Difficulties; Closeted With Officials For Hours

Nanking, China, Dec. 17.—(AP)—Nanking officials seized fresh hope today for an end to China's civil war and release of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek, after conferences with rebellious Marshal Chang Hsueh-Liang's British advisor, James Elder.

At the same time, a spokesman declared a messenger was bringing an autographed letter from the imprisoned military overlord, which would "dispel doubt as to the general's safety."

He also cited a telegram purportedly from W. H. Donald, Chiang's advisor, saying he "had returned to Sianfu and was remaining in the same room with the generalissimo."

Elder, arriving in the capital today, was closeted with government officials for the greater part of the day, attempting to work out a satisfactory solution for the crisis.

His movements were strictly controlled by Nanking authorities. The controlled Yuan (cousin) approved a motion condemning Marshal Chang to public execution as a result of the military rebellion in which the generalissimo was seized last Friday.

Threatening Letter Found In Floggings

Southport, Dec. 17.—(AP)—Sheriff J. A. Russ, investigating the activities of a band of "preying floggers" in the Waccamaw river valley, said today he had turned over to Federal authorities a copy of the threatening letter reported received by the relatives of one of the alleged victims of the night riders.

Sheriff Russ said the crudely penciled note warned Jarvis Inman, 22-year-old Freeland filling station operator, of "things you must do" or "we will get you." He said the warning was signed "K.K.K."

Jarvis Inman is a cousin of William Inman, who reported to Sheriff Russ yesterday that he and Jesse Cox, also of Freeland, were seized a few weeks ago, driven six miles from their homes and flogged by a masked band of 25 or 30 men.

The letter to Jarvis Inman was headed, Little River, S. C., but the envelope bore a Freeland postmark. The sheriff said it was in the same tenor as one left on the door of Herby King, another Freeland man, the night of December 5, the day the Inman warning was dated.

THREE ENGINEMEN KILLED IN WRECK

Two Engineers and Negro Fireman Lose Lives in Crash in Alabama

Castleberry, Ala., Dec. 17.—(AP)—Two engineers and a fireman were killed in the head-on collision of a southbound Louisville & Nashville train and a northbound train standing in the station here early today.

Passengers were shaken up but none was reported seriously injured. Castleberry is in south central Alabama, 20 miles north of the Florida peninsula line.

Trainmen said passenger train No. 3 crashed into train No. 2 as it stood at a water tank on the main line. They listed the dead as engineers Lee Gorey and Philip Gizzard, both of Montgomery, Alabama, and a Negro fireman named Barnes.

Gets Twenty Years



Edith Maxwell

Wise, Va., Dec. 17.—(AP)—A Wise county jury today convicted Edith Maxwell, 22-year-old former school teacher, of second degree murder in the death of her father, Trigg Maxwell, and fixed her punishment at 20 years.

The jury was out an hour and 20 minutes.

Miss Maxwell, standing to hear the jury's verdict, burst into sobs and buried her head on the shoulders of her brother, Earl Maxwell.

The punishment was the maximum permissible for second degree murder under Virginia statutes. Her first conviction brought a 25-year sentence for first degree murder, which was set aside by the Virginia Supreme Court.

KIDNAP CHARGE ON COLUMBUS MAN, 44

Kept 14-Year-Old School Girl With Him in Hide- out for Month

Whiteville, Dec. 17 (AP)—Albert Shepard, 44, sought for a week since surprised in an underground hide-out where Estelle Shaw, 14-year-old school girl, said she had been a prisoner for a month, was arrested by a posse near here today.

He was lodged in jail charged with kidnaping and with offenses against the girl, who was lured from her school room November 3, she said.

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Scott Finds His Trouble Increasing

Seems To Have Of- fered Many Jobs Not Existing and at Excessive Salaries

Daily Dispatch Bureau,
In the Sir Walter Hotel.

By J. C. BASKERVILLE

Raleigh, Dec. 17.—Commissioner-elect W. Kerr Scott of the State Department of Agriculture, who has recently pushed the legislature out of the limelight as a result of his wholesale firing of employees of the Department of Agriculture, even before he has taken office, is now getting into hot water because of the jobs he has promised, or is reported to have promised, certain individuals, as well as on account of those he has fired, it was learned here today. Reports also are that Scott has offered jobs to several persons at salary figures in excess of what is now being paid, only to find that the Budget Bureau is refusing to approve any of these boosts in salaries until July 1, 1937, and is insisting that whatever salaries are being paid now must prevail until the end of this fiscal year.

The report is going the rounds here today, for instance, that he has already offered the job from which he fired William H. Richardson—that of director of publicity—to four different

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Snows May Cover Site Lost Plane

Salt Lake City, Utah, Dec. 17 (AP)—Fearful that heavy snows would erase the most tangible clue to seven persons given up for dead aboard a lost sky liner, searchers struggled to the scene today on horseback, snow shoes and through the sky.

Fifteen planes mobilized here to aid in the quest for the Western Air Express transport, missing since early Tuesday, were made ready for momentary call.

Subsequently relatively improved visibility permitted six of the searching planes to get into the air. About 500 men were in the ground searching crews.

Clearing skies in the picturesque valley of the Great Salt Lake, stretching north from the mountainous center of the search, gave hope the planes, grounded mostly of yesterday could carry out their organized part of the search.