

ROOSEVELT RENEWS OATH

Has the President Changed Since March 4, 1933?

\$600,000 VOTED IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY FOR SCHOOL BUSES

House and Senate Both Pass Measure To Provide Safer Transportation Equipment

INTANGIBLES TAXES TO BE DEBATED ON

Most Important Legislation To Come Before Assembly Chairman Flannagan Says, As It Changes Complexion of Tax Structure; Maxwell Gives Figures

Raleigh, Jan. 20 (AP)—The legislature rushed through a measure today to appropriate \$600,000 at once to be used in buying new school buses to replace old vehicles now in use.

The measure will become law upon ratification. It was introduced yesterday, and the school commission said more than 1,200 of the 3,995 buses now in use were seven to nine years old. Several counties reported schools closed because of conditions of buses and roads.

Senator Hill, of Durham, spoke to the Senate on the question and in the House Education Committee a motion was adopted to name a subcommittee to recommend specifications for safe buses.

Senator Hill first asked postponement of consideration of the bill, rushed to the Senate after passage under suspension of the rules in the House, but withdrew his objection after talks by Senator Long, of Halifax; Clark, of Edgecombe, and others.

Supporting Senator Bell, of Mecklenburg, who had asked for immediate passage, the other senators said there was need for quick action, praised Governor Hoey for his stand in asking prompt passage of the act, and expressed confidence the school commission would wisely spend the money.

The revenue committee's sub-group on the sales tax announced a public

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Many Schools Close Because Of Bad Buses

Raleigh, Jan. 20.—(AP)—The House passed and sent to the Senate today the emergency bill to appropriate \$600,000 at once for the purchase of school buses to replace "unsafe" vehicles.

The measure was passed under suspension of the rules.

It was introduced yesterday and passage was recommended by the joint appropriations committee at an afternoon session.

Several counties over the State, including Forsyth, Mecklenburg, and Wilkes, reported schools closed as bad roads made it dangerous or impossible to operate buses. The school commission said more than 1,200 of the 3,995 buses in use are from seven to nine years old.

School Bus Bill Merely Is Gesture

\$600,000 Purchase Now Would Mean Few To Be Bought Next Summer

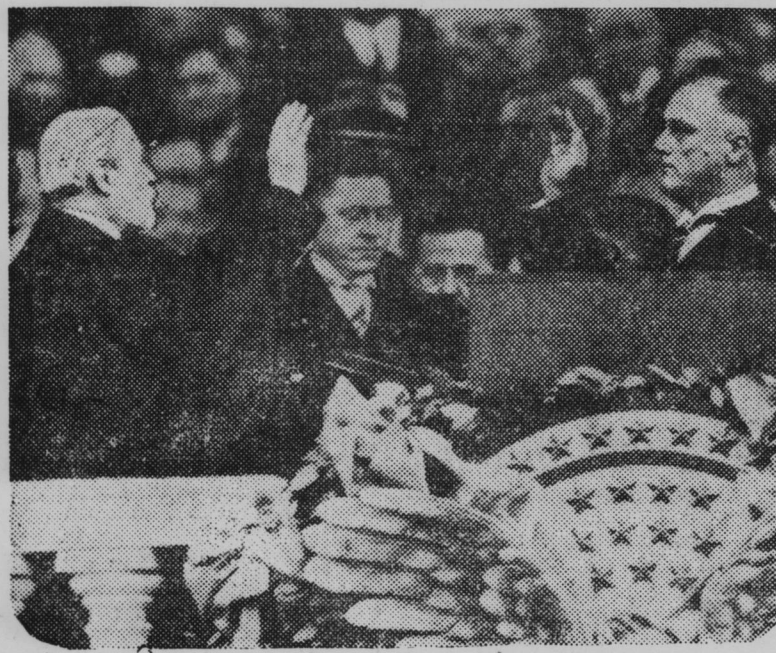
Raleigh, Jan. 20.—(AP)—The bill to appropriate \$600,000 immediately for the purchase of 625 new school buses, now before the appropriations committee and expected to pass both houses this week, is in reality little more than a gesture on the part of the administration to relieve conditions in counties which need new buses to replace those which are old, unsafe, uneconomical and mechanically unable to stand up under present hard conditions.

It was agreed here today by those familiar with the inside story and complete background of the school bus situation in North Carolina. If the \$600,000 appropriation were a direct and emergency appropriation, it would be introduced in an authentic source today. One reason for the decision to push this bill as speedily as possible is the fact that the diver-

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President Roosevelt, Inaugural Day, March 4, 1933



President Roosevelt, January, 1937

Notes In Plain Handwriting Of Mattson Youth Disclosed

Tacoma, Wash., Jan. 20.—(AP)—Two notes in the handwriting of ten-year-old Charles Mattson, written to his parents from a kidnap lair, were disclosed today as Federal agents here apparently faced an impasse in their search for the boy's slayer.

In a copyrighted story, the Seattle Post-Intelligencer published what it said were the texts of the notes, both containing threats of death for their young writer.

The paper said the two notes as received by Dr. W. W. Mattson, the

boy's father, were (verbatim punctuation) in part:

1. "If you want the boy back, pay ransom, let us know through the papers have the money car ready. Call police off, ransom paid at night, you will get a phone call where to find note x x x if man gets killed or has to commit suicide on account of police, you will never see the kid again. To prove he is alive this is in his handwriting."
(Signed) "TIM, TIM."

2. "Are ready to make connections and want to know if you are getting

the notes or police keeping them from you.

"We mailed a note December 29 with kid's writing. If you do not mention it in papers, stay by phone at nites with money and car ready. x x x Remember an army of police can kill a number of kidnapers, but they will not be able to find the kid until after he is dead."
(Signed) "TIM, TIM."

With Marold Nathan, chief of the Federal searching forces, still in Los Angeles on an unexplained mystery, agents here worked on quietly.

MISS PARKER YET LEADS FOR POST

Gatesville Woman Expected to Win State Vice-Chairmanship

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

Raleigh, Jan. 20.—Although sparks and cinders are flying thick and fast in the contest between Miss Ethel Parker, of Gates county, and Mrs. W. B. Murphy, of Snow Hill, Greene county, for the post of vice chairman of the State Democratic Committee, which meets here at noon Friday to elect a vice chairman, the opinion in most political circles here is that Miss Parker is well in the lead and will be elected by a good majority.

Because this is a political fight between two women and largely be-

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Rush Bill To Protect Road Fund

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

Raleigh, Jan. 20.—Work on the bill to be introduced soon to provide for the submission of an amendment to the Constitution to prohibit the diversion of highway funds to other purposes, is being speeded up and will probably be introduced in the near future, it was learned from an authentic source today. One reason for the decision to push this bill as speedily as possible is the fact that the diver-

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Sales Taxes Fight Turns On The Rate

Two Percent Levy Without Exemptions Favored; Exemptions Pledged

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

Raleigh, Jan. 20.—The sales tax fight in this session of the General Assembly is not going to be over repeal of the tax, but over the rate and whether the rate shall be reduced to two per cent with no exemptions or be kept at three per cent with exemptions, it is already evident. It is also agreed that the merchants are going to make a determined fight to get "compensation" for collecting the tax in the form of a commission on collections of about three per cent.

Opponents Uncertain.

At the present time there is some division among the sales tax opponents as to whether they should seek a reduction in the rate or whether they should approve the restoration of the exemptions and then try to increase the number of exemptions to the point where the sales tax will virtually be "guttled" and reduced to a mere shell as compared with its present form. It is generally agreed that most of the anti-sales taxers would be only too glad to go along with Representative W. L. Lumpkin, of Franklin county, in his effort to exempt almost everything from the bill and leave it nothing but a "luxury" tax measure, if they thought there were any chance of his "getting away" with his effort to greatly enlarge the list of exemptions.

But most of the more moderate anti-

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Child Labor Act Doomed In Assembly

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

Raleigh, Jan. 20.—The Federal child labor amendment is doomed to defeat in the legislature despite the desperate fight being made for its ratification. A consensus of the State Senate seems unmistakably hostile to the measure and the recent statement by Miss Frances Perkins, United States secretary of labor, that the present administration has no thought of bringing farm or domestic labor under the act will have not the slightest effect on its chances in North Carolina.

"Miss Perkins' opinion isn't worth the breath it took to express it," said one senator. "Neither she nor any one else, not even the president himself, can speak for any subsequent Federal administration. No matter what Mr. Roosevelt and his present advisers say or think, the power to put all forms of child labor under centralized Federal control is expressly set out in the amendment. It is dangerous."

John Sprunt Hill, Durham, chairman of the Senate Manufacturing, Labor, and Commerce Committee, de-

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FOR NORTH CAROLINA. Cloudy, probably occasional rain tonight and Thursday; rising temperature.

N. C. Rivers Over Banks In Sections

Many Thousands of Acres Inundated in West as Rains Overflow Streams

Raleigh, Jan. 20.—(AP)—Protracted rains sent two North Carolina rivers—the Yadkin and the Roanoke—out of their banks today.

The Roanoke at Weldon was three feet out of its banks, and Meteorologist Lee A. Denson here said it would rise two feet more during the day and probably two more tomorrow.

The Yadkin inundated many acres of lowlands along its upper reaches, but damages were negligible.

Forsyth county schools, about 14 a Mecklenburg county schools, and nine school units in Wilkes county were closed because of bad road conditions.

The Neuse and Tar rivers in the eastern part of the State were rising steadily.

GREAT AREAS INUNDATED THROUGHOUT MIDDLE WEST

(By The Associated Press.) Rain swollen streams battered levees with unabated fury in the Middle West today, sweeping over lowlands and forcing hundreds of families from flood-engulfed homes.

A seven-foot wall of water poured over United States highway 41 and inundated thousands of acres in south

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REORGANIZATION TO PASS IN CONGRESS

Roosevelt Will Get Most of Governmental Reformation Sought

By CHARLES P. STEWART, Central Press Columnist

Washington, Jan. 20.—When President Roosevelt submitted his governmental reorganization plan to Congress Washington's first guess was that it was a request for the practical impossibility.

That certainly was the average experienced newspaper correspondent's first judgment. Equally certainly it was the judgment of the average experienced national legislator. In fact it certainly was the judgment of every one of long experience in the capital, after hearing governmental reorgan-

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PRESIDENT PLEDGES LARGER ABUNDANCE TO NATION'S NEEDY

Second Roosevelt Inaugural in Rain-Drenched Capital Outdoors, as Vast Hordes Look On; New Structure on Old Foundation; Hughes Gives Oath

Washington, Jan. 20 (AP)—President Franklin D. Roosevelt formally opened his second administration today with a demand for more and stronger government consecrated to "provide enough for those who have too little."

In militant phrases which left specific details to the future, he spoke to a rain-drenched, attentive crowd on the Capitol plaza of the need for the government to solve for the individual the "ever rising problems of a complex civilization," and to "control blind economic forces and blindly selfish men."

Moments before in words repeated solemnly after Chief Justice Hughes, the President had taken his oath of office and been cheered with a warmth that belied the cold, forbidding day. For once, "Roosevelt weather luck" did not hold.

Guests of rain blew into Mr. Roosevelt's face. He stood bareheaded looking out now and again over the black mass of umbrellas which confronted him. Nearby sat the newly-sworn Vice-President Garner, members of their families, justices of the Supreme Court, the Congress and the diplomatic corps.

The oath-taking completed constitutional inaugural requirements. But ahead lay festivities customary to the quadrennial ceremony.

Returning to the White House for them, Mr. Roosevelt chose an open car, despite the rain.

FOUR-POWER PACT PLANS ABANDONED

Britain Stiffens Toward Germany; War in Spain Grows Fiercer

(By The Associated Press.) Great Britain stiffened toward Germany today as Italy gave up her plans for a four-power pact with Germany, Britain and France.

Spanish intervention problems mounted. In Spain, Fascist air bombers killed 20 or more Madrilenos. Italians, holding fast to their new German alliance, decided Spanish tension, France's insistence on retaining her Soviet alliance, and British reluc-

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LITTLE BENEFIT ON CIGARETTE TAX CUT

Solons Express Personal Views of Skepticism on Federal Bill

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Raleigh, Jan. 20.—Reduction of Federal taxes on cigarettes would have no effect on the prices paid farmers for their tobacco, in the opinion of most legislators here who know anything about growing and marketing the weed upon which so large a part of North Carolina depends for its prosperity.

On the contrary one Senator, a man who has had more than 30 years of practical experience, went so far as to ex-

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Pittsburgh Strike Ends As Hope Rises For Motors Peace

(By The Associated Press.)

Settlement of the 98-day strike of Pittsburgh Plate Glass employees and prospects of a peace conference in the huge General Motors strike today encouraged conciliators striving to put 200,000 men back to work throughout the nation.

Six thousand flat glass workers agreed to return to their jobs for a wage increase of eight cents an hour, and a company guarantee there would be no discrimination against union employees.

Glenn McCabe, union leader, said he believed the agreement would open the way for settlement of the strike of 7,000 employees of the Libby-Owens Ford Company, whose glass furnaces have been idle since December 15.

High G. M. C. officials, Homer Martin, president of the United Automobile Workers of America, and John

Roosevelt To Make War On All Injustice

Washington, Jan. 20.—(AP)—President Franklin D. Roosevelt dedicated himself anew at the start of his second administration today to removal of "cancers of injustice" that cause want in the midst of plenty.

In his inaugural address, delivered beneath a storm-darkened sky to thousands gathered on the Capitol plaza, he pictured uncounted poor families living under the "pall of disaster" and said:

"We are determined to make every American citizen the subject of his country's interest and concern."

"Progress in recovery is obvious, the President said, but the new order of things" brought about since 1933 means more than that.

Restating his philosophy in broad terms, and leaving his specific program to the future, he spoke of using new materials of social justice "to erect on the old foundations a more enduring structure for the use of future generations."

Moments before he made his address, he had taken the presidential oath again from Chief Justice Hughes. With justices of the Supreme Court among his hearers, he spoke once more of the Constitution, but said nothing about the courts.

This year, Mr. Roosevelt recalled, marks the 150th anniversary of that fundamental charter. The forefathers founded a way out of the chaos that followed the Revolutionary War, he said, adding:

"They created a strong government

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