

MURPHY SEEKS TRUCE IN MOTORS STRIKE

Liquor Bill Given Senate Committee

DRYS CALLING FOR FURTHER HEARINGS ON COUNTY OPTION

Proposal of Death Penalty for Kidnaping Is Sent Back to Committee of Senate

BAN ON DIVERTING ROAD FUNDS ASKED

Bill in House Would Appropriate \$150,000 for Promotion of Public Library Facilities in State; Divorced Women Could Get Maiden Names Back

Raleigh, Feb. 4 (AP)—The Senate sent the county option liquor bill to a committee today and debated and re-referred a proposed constitutional amendment to authorize the death penalty for kidnaping, while the House killed a bill to prohibit fireworks in the State.

The Senate Judiciary Committee No. 1 got the whiskey measure, passed by the House with unprecedented speed yesterday, and Chairman Gold, of Guilford, said it would meet tomorrow. He said Cale K. Burgess, a dry leader, had requested another public hearing.

The lengthy tobacco compact measure was not ready for the perfunctory ratification ceremony, but probably will become law tomorrow. The governor has no veto power, and it will become law when signed in routine course by the presiding officers of the Senate and House.

Senator Ballentine, of Wake, introduced a measure proposing a constitutional amendment to prohibit highway fund diversions.

Representative Rouse, of Lenior, sent in a bill to provide an annual appropriation of \$150,000 to be used in production of public library facilities in the State.

Representative McElyde, of Cumberland, offered bills to make it un-

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Husband of Girl Only 12 Accused On Rape Charges

Watertown, N. Y., Feb. 4.—(AP)—Stanley Backus, 19, factory worker husband of 12-year-old Leona Elizabeth Backus, was formally charged with rape today while legislators at Albany discussed new laws to curb "cradle marriages."

District Attorney Carl Hines presented a warrant to City Judge Crandall Phillips charging Backus, a 26-a-week core painter in an airplane plant, with rape, second degree.

Hines said the warrant charged the offense was committed last December 29 at Camella.

Judge Phillips ordered Backus back to jail, meanwhile, in lieu of a \$1,000 bail.

Backus' child wife was in Mercy hospital in custody of the Jefferson county children's agent, where she was taken for a physical examination decided upon, Hines said, after she told authorities she expected to become a mother.

Mrs. Cohoon Tells About "Kidnaping"

Chapel Hill, Feb. 4.—(AP)—William Anderson, Elizabeth City radio dealer, was held for superior court on a charge of kidnaping his brother-in-law's wife, Mrs. Louise Cohoon, also of Elizabeth City, after a hearing here today before Recorder James Phipps. His bond was fixed at \$2,500, which he posted.

Mrs. Cohoon, blonde, 23-year-old

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Where the Onrushing Ohio Meets the Mississippi



Air view of the confluence of the Ohio and Mississippi rivers

This excellent air view of Cairo, Ill., shows how the Ohio and Mississippi rivers meet at that point. The photo, taken from an American Airlines plane, shows the Kentucky shore in the background. Cairo's 64-foot protective dike has been holding

out the torrent. In many parts of the city the water outside the dike is 20 feet above the level of the streets inside. Only persons necessary to protect the dike were permitted to remain within the city.

Tides Of Battle Favorable Against Peak Of Big Flood

Windsor Tires of Monotonous Life

Vienna, Feb. 4.—(AP)—The gay Austrian capital, emboldened by reports Edward Windsor was tiring of his seclusion, sought today to draw the self-exiled former British ruler into the whirl of Vienna's social season.

"Enzensfeld can be dull, and sometimes I wish there were something snappy to do," Windsor confided to a fellow guest at a music hall at the British legation last night, referring to his refuge at the Baron Rothschild's chateau.

He indicated, however, he did not plan to change his routine until legal formalities have made Mrs. Wallis Simpson's divorce absolute, and she can join him somewhere for the wedding he gave up the British throne to gain.

COMPACTS APPEAL BILL IS PREPARED

Sub-Committee To Work Out Method of Security Small Growers

In the Sir Walter Hotel. Daily Dispatch Bureau. By J. C. BASKERVILL. Raleigh, Feb. 4.—A supplementary bill to the tobacco compacts bill, which became law when it was passed by the Senate unanimously on all three readings Wednesday, is now being drawn by a special sub-committee of the Senate Agriculture Committee. This supplementary bill will set up machinery for hearing the appeals of farmers who may be dissatisfied with the quotas assigned to them under the main compacts bill and will take the place of several amendments offered to the main compacts bill and rejected in both the House and Senate.

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OUR WEATHER MAN



FOR NORTH CAROLINA. Mostly cloudy tonight and Friday; occasional rain and warmer tonight.

But War To Save Lower Mississippi Valley from Untold Disaster Not Yet Won

DANGER LURKS FOR EVERY RIVER BEND

Cairo's Struggle Is Far From Ended, But Water Is Three Feet Below Flood Defenses; Sand Boils Quiet Down and Engineers Are Cheerful

(By The Associated Press) Memphis, Tenn., Feb. 4.—(AP)—Levee defenders, relief workers and rehabilitation crews maneuvered today to meet shifting levels of the mid-continent flood, weary but confident the worst was over.

The human toll stood at 368 dead and nearly 1,000,000 homeless. The Ohio remained stationary overnight at Cairo, Ill., lapping above the bulwarks at 59.6 feet. Eastward the waters fell. Southward they rose for a supreme test of the Mississippi valley's dyke system.

Major General Edward Markham, chief of army engineers, and a member of President Roosevelt's flood relief commission said: "Cairo is safe behind its seawall."

Memphis, Tenn., Feb. 4.—(AP)—The tide of battle against record flood crests ran favorably along the upper Mississippi today, but the war to save the valley from untold disaster was not yet won.

Army engineers directing the nation's greatest anti-flood offensive remained confident of victory, but

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Youth Says Was Forced To Kidnap

Kansas City, Feb. 4.—(AP)—A gaunt young Ozark farm hand, charged with first degree murder in the kidnap-killing of Dr. J. C. B. Davis, insisted today the 67-year-old country physician was abducted and slain by a mysterious hill country acquaintance he dubbed "Night hawk."

The slim 20-year-old prisoner, Rob-

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Hot Battle Over Naming New Judges

Daily Dispatch Bureau. By J. C. BASKERVILL. Raleigh, Feb. 4.—The battle was on already, but action of the Senate Tuesday in passing the bill adding two members to the State Supreme Court added to the intensity of the already heated campaign.

The upper body's approval completed legislative action and put the selection of justices squarely up to Governor Clyde R. Hoey.

Of course, campaigns for judges'

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Lindbergh Visits General Balbo and Talks Sea Flights

Rome, Feb. 4 (AP)—Charles A. Lindbergh and General Italo Balbo swapped tales of trans-Atlantic flying today—Lindbergh's 35th birthday.

The Rome to Chicago airman, who expects the Lindberghs to visit him in Tripoli soon, flew from North Africa to attend a wedding. Shortly after his arrival he sent an officer to ask Lindbergh to visit him at his hotel. A half hour of cordial conversation followed.

When they finished their meeting, Balbo smilingly insisted that they both be photographed. Balbo will return probably tomorrow to his post as governor of the Italian colony of Libya to make ready for his distinguished guests.

GOVERNMENT CAN'T FORCE LABOR, PEACE

Insoluble Impasse Would Result If Either Side Refused To Go

By CHARLES P. STEWART, Central Press Columnist. Washington, Feb. 4.—Even if Labor Secretary Frances Perkins and Senator Robert M. La Follette get all the legislation they desire it is not altogether apparent how either Mmes. Perkins or the Wisconsin solon will

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DEMOCRATIC GROUP JOINS REPUBLICANS TO OPPOSE TARIFF

They Are Against Three-Year Blanket Extension of Authority to the President

PASSAGE IN WEEK REGARDED CERTAIN

Senate in Recess After Passing \$950,000,000 Relief-Deficiency Bill, Which Bailey Sought Unsuccessfully To Amend; Money Bill Passes

Washington, Feb. 4 (AP)—House leaders studying proposed extension of the reciprocal tariff law, heard the administration trade policy closely linked today with neutrality legislation.

Bernard Baruch, financier and wartime chairman of the War Industries Board, told the House Military Affairs Committee belligerents should not be barred from buying commodities, other than munitions, on a "cash and carry" basis.

He said a ban on sales of all commodities might influence nations to make trade agreements with countries other than the United States in order to be assured of non-military war supplies.

Consideration of extension of the reciprocal tariff law for three years was the principal business on the House calendar. Some Democrats joined the militant Republican minority in the House to oppose extension.

Washington, Feb. 4.—(AP)—Some Democrats joined the militant Republican minority in the House today to oppose extension of the reciprocal tariff law three years from June 12, the expiration date.

Despite some objections, approval

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Suspect Held In Mattson Slaying Suicides In Jail

Auburn, Wash., Feb. 4.—(AP)—John Johnson, 40, held since Friday for investigation in connection with the Charles Mattson kidnap-slaying, was found strangled to death in his city jail cell today.

Chief of Police Ed Norris found the body lying on the cell floor, a belt attached to the cot and around the man's neck. Other prisoners, in a "bull pen" nearby, said they heard no struggling or outcries during the night.

Night Jailer Charles Ludwig said he talked to Johnson about 11 o'clock last night and the man appeared despondent, even after Ludwig said he might be released today.

Johnson, denying all knowledge of the affair, was arrested in the hobo jungles here Friday after some of the 100 other transients complained to police the man acting queerly and they thought he might know something about the Tacoma kidnaping.

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Final Agreement Is Not Now Issue With Negotiators

Rules on "Sit-Down"



Judge Paul Gadols of the Genesee county (Flint, Mich.) circuit court, ruled on legality of "sit-down" strikers in two Fisher Body Co. plants of General Motors in Flint. Judge Gadols summoned Homer Martin and two other leaders of the United Automobile Workers to court to show cause why he should not grant an injunction against the "sit-downers", who have held the plants since Dec. 30.

Third Meeting of Agents of Both Sides Is Convened by Governor of Michigan

NEW OFFICIALS ON BOTH SIDES ASSIST

Chambers Where Parley Is In Progress Are Closely Guarded by Police; Third Meeting Summoned "At Wish of the President of United States"

Detroit, Mich., Feb. 4 (AP)—The conference seeking a truce basis in the General Motors automotive strike recessed for luncheon at 2 p. m. (eastern time) today. William Knudson executive vice-president of General Motors, first to emerge from the chamber, announced the meetings were not over, "we have just recessed for lunch."

This action followed the statement of Roy Brownell, G-M attorney here, which said: "I believe the union will ask its men to leave the plants here peacefully," and announced he would defer filing a petition for a writ requiring their ejection.

His announcement came after Police Chief James Willis resumed enlistment of several hundred "reserve police" to remain on call for a possible emergency.

Brownell said the writ would not be filed pending the outcome of the strike's peace conferences in progress here.

Previously he had said the writ would be filed between 2 and 3 o'clock this afternoon.

PERMANENT SETTLEMENT IS NOT AIM AT PRESENT

Detroit, Mich., Feb. 4.—(AP)—Governor Frank Murphy resumed his efforts to find a basis for solution of the paralyzing General Motors strikes today as he again called to the con-

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Rebels Open Campaign to Take Malaga

Spanish Insurgents and Loyal Troops Clash Along Mediterranean Coast

Gibraltar, Feb. 4.—(AP)—Fascists and Socialists, contending for the occupation of the southern seaport of Malaga, clashed today along the Mediterranean coast.

DRIVE BY INSURGENTS ON MALAGA PORT IS STARTED

(By The Associated Press.) Spain's insurgent legions—on land, water and in the air—started their "big push" against Malaga today in an effort to cut off that strategic Mediterranean shipping center from the remainder of government-held Spain.

A comparative hush fell over Madrid's battlefield, 260 miles to the north, while practically every available Fascist resource of men and machine was shoved toward Malaga.

The insurgent naval fleet steamed from Algeiras in the direction of

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Alabama Student Arrested Accused In Extortion Mail

Washington, Feb. 4.—(AP)—J. Edgar Hoover, said today Federal agents had arrested Sidney Reynolds, 19, Alabama University sophomore, on charges of attempting to extort \$7,000 from Mrs. H. D. Warner, wife of a Tuscaloosa, Ala., paper manufacturer.

Hoover, director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, said Reynolds was arrested by Justice Department agents and local police officers early today, and he had admitted writing three letters threatening harm to Mrs. Warner.

The first letter was mailed last Wednesday at Tuscaloosa, Hoover said, and demanded \$6,000. A second letter was mailed last Saturday and demanded \$7,000, the director said, and yesterday Mrs. Warner received a third letter specifying the money was to be paid a messenger.

Sea Strikers Wait Orders For Old Job

Voting Favorable to Ending of West Coast Seamen's 90-Day Walkout

San Francisco, Cal., Feb. 4.—(AP)—Nearly 40,000 Pacific coast maritime strikers, considering their record-breaking walk-out at an end, awaited a back-to-work summons today and the joint strike committee expected to meet at noon, presumably to issue the call.

With the exception of voting by longshoremen in the northwest, where severe weather delayed distribution of ballots, the seven unions had com-

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Liquor Issue Is Now Up For State Senate Action

Statewide County Option Plan Passes House After Referendum Is Defeated; State Would Get Its Fingers Into the Pie In Dividing Control

Daily Dispatch Bureau. In the Sir Walter Hotel. By J. C. BASKERVILL. Raleigh, Feb. 4.—Whether or not North Carolina will set up a combination State and county system of liquor control and liquor stores under a county option plan, is now up to the Senate, as a result of the action by the House Wednesday in definitely rejecting the Hutchins Statewide liquor referendum bill and adopting the committee substitute.

The belief in most circles here which have been watching the liquor control fight within the General Assembly is that the Senate will also adopt the committee

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