

HOUSE ACCEPTS SENATE REVENUE CHANGES

Strike Epidemic Spreading To All Sections Of Nation Slowing Industry's Output

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WOMEN PARTICIPATE WITH MEN WORKERS

Walkout and Picket Method
and New Sitdown Techni-
que; Many Diversified Pro-
ducts Affected by Strikes;
Dozen Detroit Plants
Closed

Santa Monica, Cal., Feb. 25.—
(AP)—Doors of the Northrup Cor-
poration, subsidiary of the strike-
affected Douglas Aircraft Manu-
facturing company, were closed
today to employees as picket lines
formed around the place.

(By The Associated Press.)
An epidemic of strikes that spread
to all sections of the nation held a
check on production in scores of in-
dustrial and business establishments
today.

More than 27,000 workers were
made jobless by labor disputes in at
least 50 firms.

New strikes broke out or old ones
were settled almost hourly. Women
as well as men participated, both us-
ing the walkout and picket method
and the new sitdown technique.

The strike involved firms manufac-
turing such diversified products as
airplanes, wall paper, rubber tires,
stoves, ships, cigars, watches, auto
parts, shoes, pens, clothing and
jewelry.

The dozen strikes in the Detroit

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Big Plants Yet Gripped In Strikes

(By The Associated Press.)

Strikes at a glance.

Santa Monica, Cal.—Several hundred
strikers hold Douglas aircraft plant
for the third day; 5,600 jobless.

Decatur, Ill.—Forty-seven sitdown-
ers evacuate Century Wall Paper
Mills; face contempt citations March
16.

Boston—Hundreds jobless in New
England shoe strikes; many firms
agree to pay hikes.

St. Paul—Strikers picket northern
States Power Company plants in St.
Paul and Minneapolis; 300 to 500 in
walkout.

Elgin, Ill.—Six hundred strike at
Illinois Watch Case Company; plant
picketed; 900 jobless.

Detroit—Strikers hold dozen fac-
tories; Chrysler Corporation agrees
to consider union demands.

BILL WOULD CLIP DRIVER'S LICENSE

Measure by New Hanover
Representatives Smacks
of Local Connection

Daily Dispatch Bureau,
In the Sir Walter Hotel.
Raleigh, Feb. 25.—Representatives
J. C. Hobbs and Thomas E. Cooper of
New Hanover county, have introduced
a bill which would have the effect
of cutting in half the period of revo-
cation of driving licenses for offenses
such as driving while drunk, in cases
where no damage was done by the
driver.

Under present law, revocation is for
a period of one year in all cases of
first offense. The Hobbs-Cooper act
provides that the driver's license
shall be restored after six months
"where there has been only a techni-
cal violation of the driver's license

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Smoak Sticks Fast To Innocence Plea

Wilmington Man Denies He Poisoned Two Wives and
Daughter; Housekeeper Admits "Going Out" With
Smoak Before His Second Wife Had Died

Wilmington, Feb. 25.—(AP)—Thro-
ugh a two-hour cross-examination to-
day, Edgar Smoak steadfastly protest-
ed his innocence of the State's charges
that he killed his two wives and
young daughter to collect insurance.
A procession of his neighbors fol-
lowed him to the witness stand and
said he was a man of good character,
and he was kindly toward 16-year-old
Annie Thelma Smoak, the daughter
whom the State accuses him of
poisoning.

Several, however, admitted on cross-
examination that they would not al-
low their children to go to the home
after Mrs. Jennette Harker, 26-year-
old widow, came to keep house for
Smoak.

Mrs. Harker previously had testi-
fied she moved to the Smoak home

two weeks after the death of Smoak's
second wife, and she had "gone out"
with Smoak at least once before Mrs.
Smoak died.

William Farmer, a member of
Smoak's counsel, said the defense
plans to rest early in the afternoon
as soon as one or two more witnesses
are called.

Denial Made by Defendant.
Edgar Smoak took the stand again
today and related further details of
his blank denial of the State's charges
that he killed three members of
his family to collect insurance.

Smoak said a bottle of poison he
bought a few days before his 16-year-
old daughter, Annie Thelma, died on
December 1, 1936, was for dogs that
had been killing his baby chicks, and
had no connection with the girl's
death.

SEAWELL, WINBORNE BELIEVED CERTAIN OF COURT CHOICES

State Chairman Winborne
Especially Looked on
With Favor for One
of New Jobs

OLIVE WOULD GET
RECOGNITION ALSO

If Seawell Goes to Court,
Hoey Campaign Manager
Would Become Attorney
General, Under Set-Up
Gossiped About in State
Capital Circles

Daily Dispatch Bureau,
In the Sir Walter Hotel.
Raleigh, Feb. 25.—Attorney General
A. A. F. Seawell may be appointed
as one of the two new members of
the State Supreme Court some time
in June, in which event Hubert E.
Olive, of Lexington, campaign man-
ager for Governor Clyde R. Hoey in
his primary campaigns, will probably
be appointed attorney general to fill
the unexpired term left vacant by Mr.
Seawell's elevation to the Supreme
Court bench, according to the politi-
cal prognosticators here who keep
their ears to the ground in an effort
to figure out what Governor Hoey is
up to.

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ITALIANS EXECUTE LAST OF ENEMIES

Haile Selassie's Son-in-Law
Slain in Ethiopian Ex-
terminations

Addis Ababa, Feb. 25.—(AP)—
Ras Desta Dementu, son-in-law of
Haile Selassie, and last of the
Ethiopian chieftains to dispute
Italian occupation, has been cap-
tured and executed, an official com-
munique announced today.

He was killed yesterday imme-
diately after an Italian scouting
party seized him in the mountain
region west of the lakes stretch-
ing south of Addis Ababa.

The Fascist soldiers surprised
the Ras with a few followers.
There was a quick exchange of
shots, then capture.

His death was interpreted by
informed circles as marking the
removal of the final vestiges of
organized resistance to Italy's col-
onization of Haile Selassie's for-
mer domain. Colonial authorities
believe the Ras's forces were the
only sizeable opposition to Italian
rule.

Gets Money Post



Edward T. Taylor

With the death of Representative
James P. Buchanan, 70, of Texas,
the chairmanship of the powerful
house appropriations committee
passes to Representative Edward T.
Taylor, 79, the oldest member of
the house, has not been in the
best of health recently and is ex-
pected to pass on some of the
chairmanship's arduous duties to
other committee members.

—Central Press

10 Germans To Be Freed By Russians

Moscow, Feb. 25.—(AP)—Ten Ger-
mans arrested on suspicion of sabo-
tage and espionage in November last
year will be deported from Russia,
immediately, the Soviet government
informed the German Embassy today.
The Embassy declared it "was not
advised" on the status of 34 other
Germans known to be held in Russian
jails.

Four of the Germans facing depor-
tation are incarcerated in Moscow and
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FOR NORTH CAROLINA.
Generally fair tonight and Fri-
day; colder tonight; colder Fri-
day.

BY OVERWHELMING ORAL VOTE HOUSE PASSES MEASURES

Comes Nearer Balancing
Budget Than Its Own
Bill by Accepting
Meals Taxes

APPROPRIATIONS IN
SENATE GOES SLOW

Boosts Allotment to State
Sanatorium by \$18,000;
House Committee Ap-
proves State Probation
System; Many Local Bills
Are Quickly Passed

Raleigh, Feb. 25.—(AP)—The House,
by an overwhelming oral vote, accept-
ed Senate amendments to the \$76-
900,000 biennial general revenue bill
this afternoon.

The House must now pass the
amended revenue act on roll call votes
tomorrow and Saturday. Leaders out-
lined plans to complete voting on it
shortly after midnight Friday night.

House acceptance of the Senate
changes, especially a three percent
tax on meals, which the Democratic
party platform pledged to remove,
came as somewhat of a surprise.

More than an hour was spent on de-
bate after Representative Bryant, of
Durham, House finance chairman,
moved for concurrence.

Most of the opposition centered on
the tax on meals.

If the measure completes the read-
ings in the House in its present form,
it will levy new taxes on intangibles,
gifts and wines. It will continue the
three percent sales tax, except for
basic foods, and re-enact most other
present taxes without change.

The Senate worked slowly on the
appropriations bill, boosting allot-
ments to the North Carolina Sanato-
rium about \$18,000, then recessed to
continue deliberation tonight.

Representative Bryant explained
each of the Senate tax changes in de-
tail.

The House-passed revenue proposal,
he said, lacked about \$600,000 meeting
general fund expenditures for 1937 to
1938. Senate changes cut the gap to
about \$300,000 by reductions in taxes
on building materials and chain fill-
ing stations, to reduce the estimated
total by \$475,000 and an addition of
\$800,000 by a three percent tax on
meals.

Thirty-two local bills were quickly
passed as the legislature continued to
keep calendars in good shape.

Creation of a probation system for
North Carolina won approval of the
House Penal Institutions Committee
today.

The group amended the Ward bill
so as to give the governor veto power

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POWERS HIT SNAG IN THEIR PLAN OF SPANISH BLOCKADE

France and Russia Both
Object to Certain Details
of Neutrality
Proposal

BRITAIN FEARFUL
OF NEW SHELLINGS

Others of Her Warships
May Be Struck; Hope Now
Is Only for Modified
Blockade by March 6
Deadline; Fighting Severe
Around Madrid

(By The Associated Press.)
Delay in affecting a neutrality
blockade of the Spanish civil war was
forecast at London today.

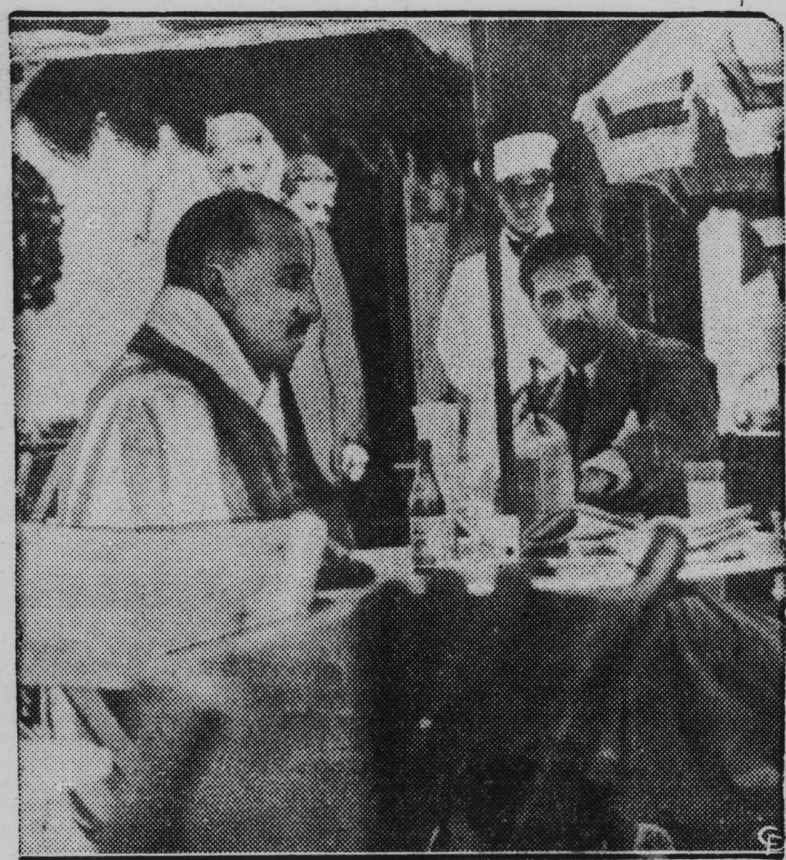
In Spain severe fighting raged from
the Madrid front, especially the
Jarama sector to the town city of
Oviedo near the Bay of Biscay.

French objections to details of a
land patrol and Russia's objections to
her part of a sea patrol complicated
the picture as six powers gathered
for a neutrality sub-committee meet-
ing in London. An "act of God" shell-
ing of the British warship Royal Oak
off Valencia Tuesday presented the
possibility of other such incidents
when the powers begin to partio
Spain to keep foreign men and arms
out.

Although a full blockade was be-
lieved impossible by the deadline
March 6, some hope was expressed
a modified plan could be effected by
them.

Amendment To Constitution Giving States More Power Offered By Senator Borah

Rival for "Wally's" Hand?



Nicolas Zographos, left, dining at Deauville, French resort

Has Edward, the Duke of Windsor, a would-be rival for the affec-
tions of Mrs. Wallis Warfield Simpson? That is what the world
wonders as the French Riviera buzzes with talk that "Wally" has
been seen several times in Cannes, France, with Nicolas Zographos,
Greek gambling magnate. He is seen, left, above, dining with a
friend at Deauville, France. Zographos has been termed "the world's
biggest gambler".

Chances Fade Completely For Compacts On Tobacco

Murder of Farmer In Nash Unsolved

Nashville, Feb. 25.—(AP)—Work-
ing without clues, Nash county of-
ficers pursued their investigation
today into the death of Junie Fog-
leman, 30, farmer, whose body was
found in a wood near his home
with a shotgun wound in the abdo-
men and a badly bruised head.

Sheriff C. V. Faulkner said evi-
dence pointed clearly to foul play,
but said his investigation had pro-
duced neither motive nor clue so
far.

SMALL LOANS BILL IS DUE FOR DEBATE

Industrial Banks Claim They
Are Filling Needs
Adequately

Daily Dispatch Bureau,
In the Sir Walter Hotel.
Raleigh, Feb. 25.—One of the hot-
test fights so far witnessed on the
floor of the House was expected to
develop this afternoon when the
small loans bank bill, introduced by
Representative R. T. Pickens of High
Point, comes up for action. For more
than two weeks, lobbyists for the in-
dustrial banks and for the "loan
sharks" have been working against
the bill and have been trying to con-
vince members of the General Assem-
bly that it is a "loan shark" bill be-
cause it permits the making of loans
at the rate of 3-1-2 per cent per month.
Within the last week or so the in-
dustrial banks have also enlisted the
aid of most of the other tanks in the
State in fighting it and this morning
the opponents of the bill were con-
fident they had it beaten.

Good Chance Claimed.

But the proponents of the bill, in-
cluding the State Federation of Labor
and those favorable to labor, who
have been working for the bill, be-
lieved there was a good chance for
the bill to pass the House today, and
that if it passes the House, it will also
get by the Senate. They maintain that
the bill is not generally understood

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Refusal of Georgia to Go
Along With Other States
Kills Laborious
Process

GROWERS TURN TO
WASHINGTON AGAIN

Hutson Says Something
Might Be Done "If the Peo-
ple Press for It"; Soil Con-
servation Chief Hope Now,
E. Y. Floyd, of State Col-
lege, Says

Raleigh, Feb. 25.—(AP)—Chances
for a five-cured tobacco production
control through State compacts for
1937 have apparently faded comple-
tely, farm leaders here said today.

Some control, however, will be pos-
sible if farmers cooperate fully in
soil conservation, E. Y. Floyd, N. C.
State College tobacco specialist, said.

Action of a Georgia legislative com-
mittee in killing a proposed compact
measure for that State ended chances
for control this year, E. F. Arnold,
executive secretary of the State Farm
Bureau Federation, said.

The North Carolina compact law
passed recently is inoperative unless
Georgia, South Carolina and Virginia

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W. D. HACKNEY, OF
WAGON FAME, DIES

Prominent Wilson Man Succumbs to
Injuries Sustained When Hit by
Motor Truck

Wilson, Feb. 25.—(AP)—W. D.
Hackney, whose name was once fami-
liar throughout the South as the
builder of the Hackney farm wagon,
died here today, the victim of a motor
truck injury.

The 79-year-old retired manufactur-
er, was knocked down on a street
here ten days ago and suffered a frac-
tured skull. M. L. Williamson, truck
operator, was held in default of \$500
bond.

Hackney's father founded the
wagon company here in 1854, and he
succeeded to the presidency upon the
death of the founder. Before the era
of car and truck transport, the com-
pany conducted a thriving business
in Wilson.

Funeral services will be held to-
morrow afternoon at 4 o'clock from
the residence here.

SEEK REPEAL AND THEN RE-WRITING 14TH AMENDMENT

Measure Would Make New
York Minimum Wage
Law Constitutional
Immediately

ROOSEVELT STILL
HAS CONFERENCES

President Now Talking With
House Members; President
Lunches With Justice De-
partment Lawyers in Draft-
ing of Wage and Hour
Legislation

Washington, Feb. 25.—(AP)—Sen-
ator Borah, Republican, of Idaho, in-
troduced today a constitutional
amendment to limit the due process
law of the fourteenth amendment so
as to permit states to handle social
and economic problems within their
own borders.

Borah's proposed amendment would
repeal the fourteenth amendment and
re-write it to limit the due process
clause to procedure rather than sub-
stance of laws.

He told newspaper men it would
make constitutional the New York
minimum wage law which the Su-
preme Court held invalid last year.

Borah tossed his proposal into the
legislative hopper without comment
on the Senate floor as the battle was
fading warmer and warmer over Pre-
sident Roosevelt's proposal to reor-
ganize the Supreme Court in an ef-
fort to broaden the Federal govern-
ment's power to handle such problems.

Meanwhile, more White House con-
ferences formed the medium through
which the President worked today for
the success of his court reorganiza-
tion program.

Continuing discussions with con-

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Senate Near Vote Now On Trade Pacts

Washington, Feb. 25.—(AP)—The
Senate neared a vote today on the re-
ciprocal trade act after Senator
Borah, Republican, Idaho, declared it
"burdened American agriculture with
foreign competition."

Asked by Senator Harrison, Demo-
crat, Mississippi, a champion of the
program, if he thought the Canadian
treaty had seriously affected Ameri-
can cattle prices, Borah said:

"If enough cattle came in to help
the Canadian farmer, enough came in
to hurt the American farmer."

Although his protest joined those
of Senators Vandenberg, Republican,
Michigan, and Capper, Republican,

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OFFERS SOLUTION OF LABOR PROBLEM

Toledo Man Would Make
Capital and Labor Part-
ners in Business

By CHARLES P. STEWART
Central Press Columnist

Washington, Feb. 25.—A reader of
this column, one Harry Stoddard, ad-
dressing me from Toledo (O.) has, to
offer, a solution of this country's (and
for that matter, the world's) capital-
and-labor problems, which he wants
to publicize.

He says it is a "simple solution."
I accept this assurance with my
fingers crossed. Nevertheless, Mr.
Stoddard evidently has done some
thinking on his subject, which is more
than most folk have done. He may be
a second Henry George, for all I
know. Parenthetically, Henry George's
plan never has been adopted. Any-

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