

NEW PARTY LINE-UP PREDICTED FOR 1938

DIVORCE LAWS OF STATE RELAXED BY SENATORIAL VOTE

Two Years Separation Is Enough, Regardless of Mutual Agreement, Under New Act

LEGISLATORS CAN SERVE ON BOARDS

House-Passed Bill Accepted by Senate After Amendments Broaden It Sharply; Legislature To Go to Edenton Next Thursday for Their Session

Raleigh, March 6 (AP)—Senators today enacted into law a bill to permit divorce in North Carolina on the grounds of or not the separation for two years.

Under the present law, only the injured party can sue for divorce except in cases of mutual agreement. The upper division wrangled for more than an hour on a House-passed bill to permit legislators to serve as trustees of the University of North Carolina, then amended it to apply to trustees and directors of all State institutions and returned it to the House for concurrence.

Senator Bell, of Mecklenburg, led the opposition, saying he thought it would be a man to act as judge in his own case when he served as a legislator in determining funds for institutions which he helps direct. Senators Pittman of Lee, Hill of Durham and Gravelly of Nash, favored the bill, saying they thought it was a help to the legislature to have members who knew institutional problems.

"Blue Law" On Liquor Dismissed

Richmond, Va., March 6.—(AP)—Members of the State Liquor Board said today dismissal of a Sunday beer sales test case under the Virginia "blue law" in Phoebus trial justice's court would be "considered" in connection with possible exemptions, but "under no circumstances" would the new Sunday prohibition be lifted within less than 30 days from its effective date—February 28.

Asheville Girls Win Concession

Asheville, March 6 (AP)—Striking students of Asheville Normal College won faculty consent today for more freedom in their personal affairs, but their leaders said the sit-down occupation of the chapel would continue until the promised reforms are actually made effective, for which approval by the administrative board is required.

AS \$250,000 FIRE DESTROYED CHARLOTTE TEMPLE



Bursting through the roof and windows almost in one spurt, a \$250,000 fire is shown destroying the Masonic Temple at Charlotte, N. C. Flying embers showered on three city blocks, but principal damage aside from the Temple itself was confined to awnings. (Associated Press Photo)

LEGISLATURE NEARS FINAL ADJOURNMENT ONLY 2 WEEKS OFF

Social Security and Free Textbooks Bills Pass Both Houses During Past Week

HIGHWAY SET-UP IS YET TO BE SETTLED

Changes in Election Laws Also Still Waiting, Though Convention Nomination of Judges Is Killed; State Institutions Good "Askers"

By W. JOYNES MacFARLAN Raleigh, March 6 (AP)—The North Carolina General Assembly huddled social security and free textbooks problems this week but school and revenue machinery acts and highway finance and reorganization bills still must be enacted.

Rushing toward sine die adjournment, which leaders persisted would come between March 13 and 20, legislators continued their record-breaking speed.

Senators late yesterday adopted a resolution calling for sine die adjournment March 13.

The House refused to exempt counties from making contributions to the \$16,000,000 biennial social security program for the aged and indigent children, then made clarifying changes and returned the measure to the Senate for concurrence in amendments.

Free Textbook Bill Passes Senators in committee opposed the textbooks to provide a \$1,500,000 bond issue for free texts for elementary pupils.

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PREPARE DEFENSE OF DENTIST CASE

Meantime, Probe of Charlottesville Girl's Death Continues

Charlottesville, Va., March 6.—(AP)—E. V. Walker, Charlottesville attorney, said counsel for Dr. R. G. Miller would confer here today on plans to combat the State's charge of murder against the 53-year-old dentist in the chloroform death of pretty Cleo Sprouse, 18, a high school girl.

He said he and his law partner, Robert Taylor, would meet with the third member of the defense battery, Commonwealth's Attorney Ratcliffe of Henrico county. Ratcliffe's official position at Richmond does not interfere with his taking part in this Albemarle county case.

Prosecutor W. O. Fife today was using scientific crime detection methods against what he termed unsatisfactory parts of the signed statement in which he said Dr. Miller admitted the girl died of chloroform administered as the dentist prepared to perform an abortion.

Bail Not Asked In Dentist's Defense

Charlottesville, Va., March 6.—(AP)—E. V. Walker, of defense counsel, announced after a conference of defense attorneys today bail would not be sought at this time for Dr. E. G. Miller, charged in a warrant with murder in connection with the death of Cleo Sprouse, 18-year-old high school girl.

"We expect, of course, to do everything possible to see that Dr. Miller gets a fair trial, but the case is too new now to determine what our definite defense will be," Walker said.

Legislators Give Day Pay To McDonald

Daily Dispatch Bureau, In the Sir Walter Hotel. Raleigh, March 6.—Many members of the General Assembly, forgetting all past political differences, are joining in the movement launched in the House yesterday to give one day's pay to a fund which will be sent to Dr. Ralph W. McDonald, of Winston-Salem, now in the Forsyth county tubercular hospital. Dr. McDonald was taken to the hospital here just a week ago, as a result of a relapse following influenza, where it was found that one lung had a tubercular infection. He was taken from the hospital here to the Forsyth county sanitarium three days ago, where the doctors say he will have to remain for at least six months.

More than 20 members of the House have already signed the letter which

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VERMONT INFANT IS MYSTERIOUSLY SLAIN

Autopsy Conducted To Determine Precise Circumstances of Child's Death

Windsor, Vt., March 6 (AP)—Grim State officials gathered today at a bare undertaking establishment to perform an autopsy on the battered body of four-year-old Beverly Ann Page, of Claremont, N. H., while police mentioned a "gang of young hellions" as possible suspects.

Police Chief John Edmond asserted he was seeking members of a group of young boys for questioning. Simultaneously State's Attorney Albion Parker declared there was "evidence of an attempted d d criminal attack."

THINK MANY DEAD IN AIR BOMBINGS

Spanish City Harassed Good Part of Night by Insurgent Planes

Madrid, March 6.—(AP)—Many persons were believed dead today in the government-held city of Aranjuez after a night of terror in which insurgent planes, making repeated visits, dropped more than 50 bombs.

The attack on Aranjuez, which started at the dinner hour last night and lasted intermittently until after 2 a. m. today, were the most severe of a series in a broad semi-circle of insurgent air raids on the central Spanish front. Aided by a star-studded sky, the bombing squadrons dropped explosives with telling accuracy onto one spot 15 miles west of Madrid; another 15 miles to the east; a third 50 miles to the southeast on the Valencia highway and other points near Madrid and the Valencia highway.

Precise figures on the casualties were not available.

SPEAKER ENDS TIE ON GASOLINE BILL

But Closeness Indicates Inspections-Terminals May Rise Again

Daily Dispatch Bureau, In the Sir Walter Hotel. Raleigh, March 6.—Speaker Gregg Cherry's "No" Friday broke a House tie vote and defeated the gasoline inspection bill introduced by members of the Ehringhaus gasoline commission. The count by the clerk showed 46 ayes and 46 noes and so the presiding officer was called upon to break a tie for the first time in many General Assembly sessions.

The bill set up a gasoline inspection commission, provided for the appointment of inspectors, authorized the establishment of "ports of entry" on all main highways entering the State and laid down many rules and regulations surrounding the sale and distribution of petroleum products.

In view of the fact the vote was so close that more than twenty-five House members did not vote at all, it is generally considered likely that a revised measure will pass.

Although sponsored by an Ehringhaus-appointed commission, many of

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JAP GEISHA GIRLS WIN THEIR STRIKE

Osaka, Japan, March 6.—(AP)—Three hundred gaily clad geisha girl entertainers in Osaka's bright-lighted cafes, ended their eight-day sit-down strike today with recognition of their rights to form a geisha guild.

The striking girls, who spent more than a week of self-immolation in a Buddhist mountain temple, accepted a compromise agreement which police had labored to effect through the night.

FIGHT FOR CONTROL OF AMERICAN LABOR BECOMING INTENSE

Company Unions In Steel Industry Join Battle and Seek A. F. of L. Alignment

GREEN CAUTIOUS OF COURSE HE TRAVELS

Declines To Attack Lewis C. I. O. Group Through Company Unions; C. I. O. Meets in Washington Tuesday To Map Union Drives in Other Industries

(By The Associated Press.) The end of a week of momentous developments in the field of industrial unionization saw a quickening today of the struggle for control of labor.

In the steel industry, the leaders of so-called "company unions" joined the battle, whose major contending forces heretofore have been the American Federation of Labor and John Lewis' C. I. O.

Recognition of the C. I. O. as sole bargaining agent for its members in the Carnegie Illinois Steel Corporation gave Lewis' supporters an early advantage, but their foes quickly gave a counter offensive.

At Pittsburgh, leaders of the corporation's employee representatives drafted plans for combatting the C. I. O.'s intentions of enrolling the nation's 550,000 steel workers. A committee was authorized to reorganize the "company union" structure.

Although at odds with the Lewis organization, President William Green, of the A. F. of L., declined to attack the C. I. O. through support of the Carnegie Illinois employee group. He told the latter it must be wholly free from company influence before the A. F. of L. could recognize it as an ally.

The C. I. O. will meet in Washington Tuesday to discuss unionization campaigns in several large industries. Among them the textile industry, employing 1,250,000 workers.

Arrests and sluggings marked the taxicab drivers' strike in Chicago. Leaders claimed 1,800 Yellow Cab

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RAIL EXECUTIVE OF CHARLOTTE PASSES

Edgar Thomson Was Head of Both Piedmont and Northern and Durham & Southern

Charlotte, March 6.—(AP)—Edgar Thomson, president of the Piedmont & Northern Railway and the Durham & Southern Railway, died here today. The 69-year-old railway executive had been critically ill since February 22, when he suffered a stroke of paralysis in his office.

A native of Cleveland county, N. C., Thomas started his railroad career in 1890 as an agent-operator at East for the Charlotte, Cincinnati & Chicago railroad. After working in Blacksburg and Gaffney, S. C., he abandoned railroading temporarily to manage the Gaffney Carpet Manufacturing Company. In 1903, however, he returned to his former occupation as an employee of the Seaboard Air Line railway at Atlanta.

He became president of the Durham & Southern upon the death of B. N. Duke, who had held that post. Three years ago he was elected president of the Piedmont & Northern.

Surviving are his widow and five children.

Legislature May Endorse Roosevelt Court Plan As Result Of Tydings Speech

Daily Dispatch Bureau, In the Sir Walter Hotel. By J. C. BASKIN VILL. Raleigh, March 6.—Every cloud seems to have its silver lining with the result that many now believe that the speech made here at the so-called "Victory Dinner" by Senator Millard E. Tydings of Maryland which turned out to be little more than a bitter attack upon both President Roosevelt and all "New Deal" Democrats, was one of the best things that could have happened.

It has crystallized sentiment definitely in favor of the President and his program in almost every section of the State and shown that the bulk of the Democrats in North Carolina are definitely "Rooseveltian Democrats" instead of "Liberty League" Democrats, observers here are pointing out today.

It has also stirred the long-simmering sentiment against Senator Josiah William Bailey because of his continued opposition to President

Aluminum Workers Join Lewis Union

Pittsburgh, Pa., March 6.—(AP)—Representatives of union aluminum workers at the big New Kensington, Pa., plant of the Aluminum Company of America announced today they have bolted the American Federation of Labor in favor of unionism under John L. Lewis. W. B. Gravatt, president of Local 18,356 of the Aluminum Workers Union, said the action was taken at a meeting at New Kensington last night. The New Kensington unit is the largest in the aluminum industry.

BRITAIN'S ARMING PROGRAM TO DRAIN CITIZENS' POCKETS

Populace Becoming Aware of Heavy Hand It Will Lay on Them in Their Taxes

PLANTS SWAMPED BY GOVERNMENT ORDERS

Demand for Airplanes So Great Private Contracts May Have To Wait Three Years While Government Is Supplied; Five-Year Program On

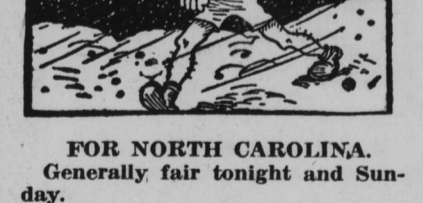
London, March 6.—(AP)—Britain's \$7,500,000,000 re-arming program promised today not only to nick taxable incomes by an extra 1.2 percent, but threatened to hamper normal industrial production for three years.

The five-year program of perfecting war defenses with its prospective inroads into supplies of steel and other materials would take precedence over regular peace-time industry, Sir Thomas Inskip, defense coordination minister, suggested.

"It would be no bad thing," he declared in a speech last night, "if some orders were postponed some two or three years while contractors are busy on the government program."

The airplane industry, for example, is so busy with government orders

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OUR WEATHER MAN FOR NORTH CAROLINA. Generally fair tonight and Sunday.

ROOSEVELT COURT PROPOSAL CAUSING SCHISM IN RANKS

Foes Plan To Give President Blow for Blow in His Fight Before the Congress

SURPRISE WITNESS AT HEARING TALKED

Meantime, Chief Executive and His Friends Press Their Campaign To "Sell" Idea to Nation; Supporting Testimony at Hearing Planned

Washington, March 6 (AP)—Senatorial opponents of court reorganization massed their attack today on two fronts: the President's call for immediate action in the approach of crucial public hearings on the issue.

Senator Burke, Democrat, Nebraska told reporters there would be a "new alignment of parties in this country by 1938," if Mr. Roosevelt should carry his point.

The President's foes, carefully preparing to trade blow for blow, arranged a series of addresses ending in a mass meeting next Friday at Carnegie Hall, New York.

They also hinted they had lined up a "prominent surprise" witness to lead off their side of the case before the Senate Judiciary Committee. They could not disclose his name.

While Burke and his colleagues were serving notice of a "fight to the bitter end," the President and his chiefs went ahead with their campaign to "sell" their program to the nation.

Mr. Roosevelt worked on the "fireside chat," in which he will make his second plea to the country Tuesday night.

On Capitol Hill, his lieutenants prepared to follow up this speech with supporting testimony before the committee hearings beginning the next day.

Opponents announced replies to the President as speeches would be given by four Democratic senators from as many sections of the country at the New York meeting.

The speakers, they said, would include Senator Walsh, Democrat, Massachusetts, publicly at least a new recruit to their cause. The others are George, of Georgia, Copeland of New York, and Burke, all Democrats.

France Asks Large Loans For Defense

Paris, March 6.—(AP)—Premier Leon Blum's government swung into one of the nation's greatest peacetime drives today, asking patriotic Frenchmen to dig into their purses in support of a defense loan that may amount to \$464,660,000.

While the terms had not been fixed, a cabinet communique saying the borrowing would cover extraordinary credits for armaments in the French budget was interpreted as meaning the government expected to obtain at least ten billion francs.

Blum will carry the appeal to the nation tonight by radio. Similar appeals were planned by President Albert Lebrun and other leaders of the Leftist government. A cooperation of bankers was sought and newspapers of virtually all shades of political opinion joined in whooping up enthusiasm.

Legislature Safeguards Its Rackets

Daily Dispatch Bureau, In the Sir Walter Hotel. By HENRY AVERILL. Raleigh, March 6.—The Senate Committee on Constitutional Amendments Thursday afternoon voted to protect and perpetuate two customs of long standing which many believe to be nothing more or less than "rackets" of the worst sort.

The vote for protection and perpetuation came in unfavorable reports for amendments prohibiting special and local laws and prohibiting legislators from filling positions created by assemblies of which they are members.

The committee also voted to report unfavorably amendments giving the governor the veto power and providing a new school board.

All the proposed amendments were

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