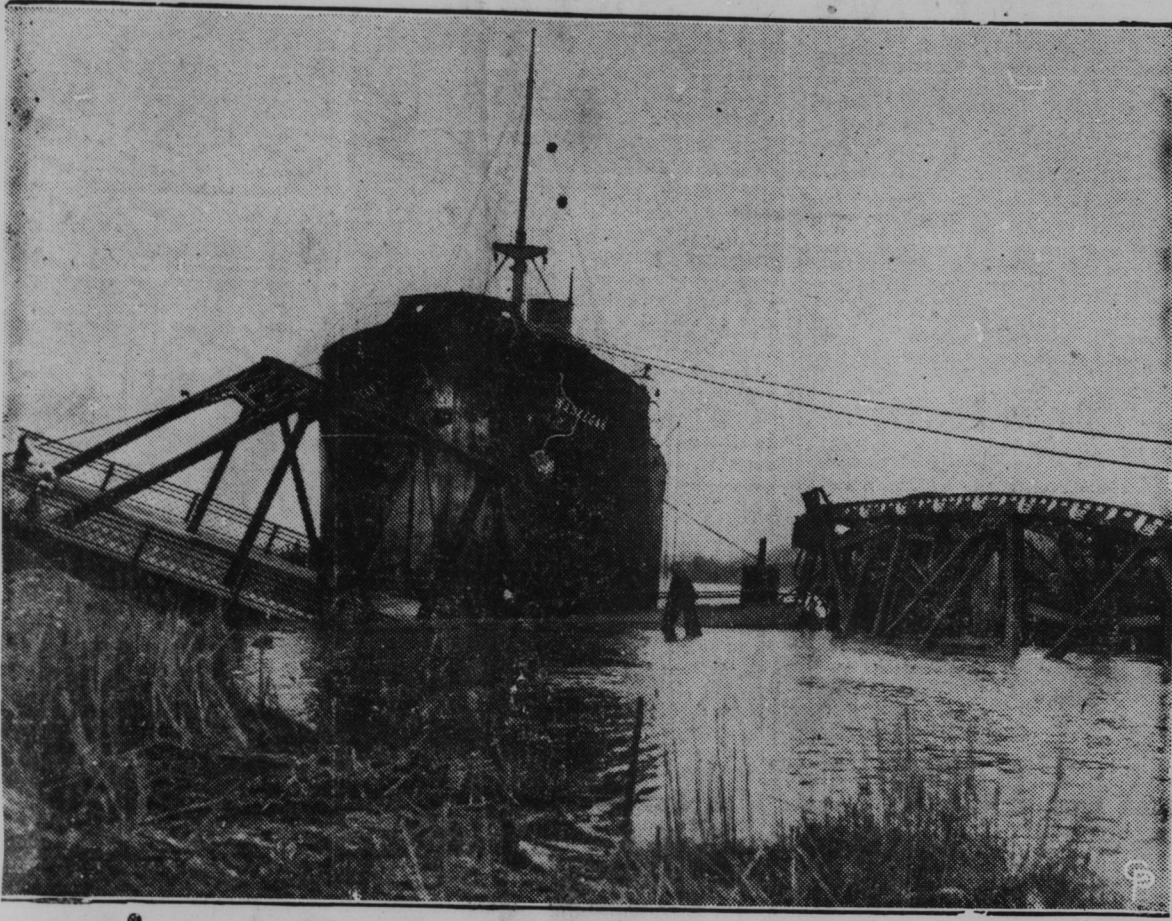


FDR ASKS \$552-MILLION DEFENSE MONEY

Runaway Ship Crashes Bridge—One Killed



This general scene shows the unusual accident at St. George's, Del., when the freighter Waukegan crashed into and demolished St. George's bridge. Bridge and boat were badly damaged. Bridge tender was killed, his assistant badly hurt.

New Registration Of Voters Each 12 Years Asked In Bill

Would Be Mandatory Before 1940 All Over State Except Where New Enrolling Has Occurred In Past Two Years; Jack Dempsey Nervous on Visit

Raleigh, Jan. 12.—(AP)—Representative Robinson, of McDowell, gave the legislature a bill today to provide for a new registration of voters every twelve years in the State, and before 1940 in counties not having had a new registration within two years.

The measure was in line with gubernatorial recommendations for a new statewide registration.

Bills were introduced in increasing numbers, the House getting nine and the Senate six.

Already well along with the first consideration of the proposed revenue bill, the joint finance committee met again this afternoon to continue work on license tax schedules. The joint appropriations committee also met and prepared to start public hearings tomorrow.

Dempsey Is Visitor.

Jack Dempsey, the former heavy-weight boxer, visited the House a few minutes. "I feel as nervous as if I were facing a 20-round fight," Dempsey told the legislators as he thanked them for inviting him to appear.

Both the House and Senate adopted a resolution inviting Aubrey Williams, administrator of the NYA, to address a joint session at noon tomorrow.

Each division also adopted a resolution calling for regular committee meetings on Friday and Monday afternoons during the session to expedite work. Often the legislature has

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Envoys Report on Armaments



William C. Bullitt (left), ambassador to France, and Joseph P. Kennedy, ambassador to Great Britain, leave the Committee on Military Affairs, in Washington, after giving secret reports on European armaments. (Central Press)

Says Forces Now Utterly Inadequate

Army and Navy and Civilian Air Corps Get \$525,000,000, With \$27,000,000 For Canal Zone; No Thought of War In Europe or Aggression in Mind, President Says

Washington, Jan. 12.—(AP)—President Roosevelt presented a \$525,000,000 national defense program to Congress today with the warning that "our existing forces are so utterly inadequate they must be immediately strengthened."

He recommended the vast sum of \$525,000,000 for the army and navy and for training civilian air pilots. In addition, he asked \$27,000,000 to establish an "adequate peace garrison" for the Panama Canal Zone.

The total, not all of which would be spent in one year, would lift the recently submitted military budget to \$1,661,558,000, largest by far of any peace-time outlay.

Urging speedy action by Congress, Mr. Roosevelt asked a total of \$450,000,000 for the army, \$65,000,000 for the navy and \$10,000,000 for training of civilian air pilots.

Most of the money, \$300,000,000 of that allotted to the army, and \$21,000,000 of the navy's allocation would go to the upbuilding of America's air fleet. Specifically, Mr. Roosevelt advocated an immediate increase of at least 3,000 planes for the army.

Asserting his recommendations did not "remotely intimate" participation in another war on European soil, nor

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Sales Tax Becomes Part Of Permanent Tax Policy

Adopted by Joint Finance Committee With Scarcely Ripple of Opposition; Maxwell Takes Stage To Tell Committee What To Do To Get Money

Daily Dispatch Bureau, In the Sir Walter Hotel. By HENRY AVERILL

Raleigh, Jan. 12.—The sales tax, cause of more fire and brimstone in North Carolina than a whole range of active volcanoes, yesterday became, to all intents and purposes, a part of the State's tax policy without even a faint murmur of dissent.

A perfunctory motion by Durham's Victor S. Bryant, a bored second by some undistinguished member of the joint finance committee, and a scattering chorus of weak "ayes" from the group, turned the trick.

Bryant moved to adopt the preamble to the "revenue bill of 1939," the preamble committing the General Assembly to a permanent rather than a biennial revenue bill.

There isn't even the dim shadow of

an intangible doubt that the sales tax will be enacted as part of the revenue bill, and so adoption of the preamble meant, in effect, official admission of a fact already conceded in every quarter—that the sales tax is here to stay.

Lumpkin Absent

There might have been some scant show of opposition, pro forma at least, if Senator Willie Lee Lumpkin, comrade-in-arms of Dr. Ralph McDonald in the historic sales tax battles of 1935 and 1936's governorship race, had been present, but the Franklin man, although a member of the committee, was not there and no one else raised a voice.

After all, it probably made no difference. Had there been opposition

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Frankfurter Nomination Is Favored

Senate Sub-Committee Approves Harvard Law Professor After His Testimony; Admits Supporting Ku Klux and Nazi Rights of Free Speech

Washington, Jan. 12.—(AP)—Felix Frankfurter's nomination to the Supreme Court was approved today by a Senate Judiciary sub-committee.

The nomination now goes to the full judiciary committee for expected action within a few days. The Senate then will pass on it.

Frankfurter, liberal Harvard law professor, was named to succeed the late Benjamin Cardozo. The committee approval came after Frankfurter had just appeared in person before the Senate sub-committee.

The nominee testified that he had supported the rights of Ku Klux Klan members and Nazi sympathizers to enjoy constitutional guarantees of free speech and assembly.

Washington, Jan. 12.—(AP)—Felix Frankfurter, testifying on his own nomination to the Supreme Court said today he thought it would be "improper" for him to express his personal views on matters affecting the high bench.

The liberal Harvard law professor, nominated to succeed the late Justice Cardozo, read a brief statement

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Retirement Plan Might Draw Attack

Daily Dispatch Bureau, In the Sir Walter Hotel. By G. LYNN NISBET

Raleigh, Jan. 12.—With the probable exception of Raleigh, where there is almost sure to be a lively contest both in the legislature and in an election on changing the plan of government, no major fight is in prospect for the larger cities of the State.

There may develop an interesting scrap over the retirement pension plan for public employees, with city, town and county workers on one side and State employees on the other; and there is some likelihood that the State employee section will be subdivided between school teachers and other workers. Of these several groups only the teachers already know what they want and have plans matured to get it. Employees in other State agencies are still hoping to hitch-hike on the school wagon.

Municipal and county employees

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Recover Body Of Man From Well In Eastern Harnett

Dunn, Jan. 12.—(AP)—After working more than 14 hours, a rescue party recovered today the body of Newt Allen, 45, from a well in which he was trapped by a cave-in late yesterday. Allen was digging the well at the time of the accident.

Coroner Melvin McLean, of Harnett county, said the body was recovered nearly 30 feet under the ground. Aaron Langdon, Allen's helper, managed to reach safety when he saw the walls crumbling, he said. The coroner and Sheriff E. W. Salmon were at the scene of the digging. The well is in western Harnett county.

ABC County Solons Put On The Spot

Daily Dispatch Bureau, In the Sir Walter Hotel.

Raleigh, Jan. 12.—Legislators from the 17 ABC counties in which there are liquor stores have been caught clearly "out on a limb" by the proposal to finance a large part of the State's school program through hiking the tax on liquor to a point possibly double its present rate.

None of them is saying a thing for publication, but in "off the record" remarks these men make no bones about the fact that they are really facing a troublesome dilemma.

The general sentiment among them seems to be that there's nothing much they can do about stopping the plan, while they are sure to "catch the

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Robeson Farmer Is Injured By Band Of Robbers At Home

Lumberton, Jan. 12.—(AP)—Tom Moore, 62-year-old farmer, was being treated at a hospital here today for an eye injury which he said was inflicted by three armed and masked men who robbed him of \$20, ransacked his house and tried to torture him into revealing additional money last night.

Moore, a bachelor, and Harvey Smith, 35, who was visiting him, reported the hold-up. Smith was uninjured. Moore said one of his assailants gouged his eye with a thumb.

WEATHER

FOR NORTH CAROLINA.

Cloudy tonight and Friday, with intermittent rain; slightly warmer in extreme east portion Friday.

Government Aids Tenants Without Home

New Madrid, Mo., Jan. 12.—(AP)—The prospect of food supplies and assistance from two Federal agencies encouraged more than 1,000 south-east Missouri tenant farmers today in their demonstration against share-cropper poverty.

Officials of seven surplus commodity warehouses were ordered by Assistant Social Security Administrator F. Carter to make supplies available to the families, camped at scattered sites along two major highways.

The Farm Security Administration and the Surplus Commodities Corporation announced food and other assistance would be provided.

Officials said the FSA would make financial grants, not to exceed \$20 per month, to families needing help, and also assist them in finding new farm connections. The SCC arranged to distribute food.

The families, three-fourths of them Negroes, huddled around camp fires and oil-barrel stoves again last night. Temperatures were well above freezing, but the possibility of rain continued. Most of them had inadequate protection against the open air.

SCHOOL COMMISSION IN ROUTINE SESSION

Raleigh, Jan. 12.—(AP)—The State School Commission held a routine business session today. Secretary Lloyd Griffin said. The commission approved budgets for school operations in Robeson and Anson counties and Hamlet, and took up three requests for workmen's compensation benefits. Details were not revealed.

Students Signing Petitions Against Increased Tuition

Raleigh, Jan. 12.—(AP)—John Rankin, senior at the University of North Carolina from Winston-Salem, said today he believed that about 750 students at the Chapel Hill unit would sign a petition that the proposed increase in tuition of \$50 would bar them from returning to college. Rankin said he felt certain that a check would show that two-thirds of the men whose homes are in North Carolina, and are at Chapel Hill, work to make part or all of their tuition and added "putting on another \$50 is a tremendous item to them."

A petition is now being circulated at Chapel Hill, Rankin said, for signature by those expecting to have to drop out of college if the governor's and budget commission's recommendation for higher tuition is adopted by the legislature.

Some 1250 students yesterday signed petitions opposing the increase.

Hints were published this morning of a movement to increase tuition for only out-of-state students.

North Carolina students at the institution, Rankin said in reply to a question, would almost unanimously favor an even greater increase in tuition for out-of-state residents than is proposed in the budget bill.

There are even some pretty good New Dealers who confess, confidentially, that they wish "F. D." Pres. Roosevelt not expressed himself quite so uncompromisingly. Their idea has been to win conservative Democracy over gradually—not to make any important concessions to it, but not unnecessarily to antagonize it, either. There also have been plenty of Democrats, generally regarded

End Is Near For Baseball Magnate

New York, Jan. 12.—(AP)—The condition of Colonel Jacob Ruppert, owner of the world champion New York Yankees baseball team, remained unchanged today. The 71-year-old multi-millionaire brewer and real estate operator, stricken with phlebitis and a liver ailment, slept quietly through the night.

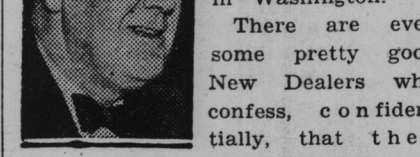
His personal physician, Dr. Otto Scherdlieger, said last night there was no hope for Ruppert's recovery. "His condition is very, very serious," he said. "The end is very near."

Conservative Democrats Riled By FDR

By CHARLES P. STEWART

Central Press Columnist
Washington, Jan. 12.—President Roosevelt's Jackson Day speech, virtually inviting conservative Democrats to get out of the Democratic party, has not restored much peace in the party's ranks, judging from comment by its senators and representatives in Washington.

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ABC Group Holds Chapel Hill Meet To Get Training

Chapel Hill, Jan. 12.—(AP)—Representatives of the Federal Alcohol Tax unit acted as instructors today at a short course for ABC officers from 27 counties operating liquor stores.

Wade Gardner, of the Wilson recorder's court, State Solicitor H. L. Koonce, of Greensboro, and Prof. Albert Coates, head of the Institute of Government, discussed yesterday the legal aspects of the work of ABC officers, including searches and seizures and court room procedure.

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"Just and Peaceful Solution" of Difficulties by Negotiation Is Chamberlain's Answer; Premiers and Foreign Ministers Continue Talks

Rome, Jan. 12.—(AP)—The premiers of Italy and Britain concluded their formal conversations on the future of Europe late today, and British sources said no new commitments had been made on either side.

The series of appeasement talks for which Prime Minister Chamberlain came to Rome yesterday, ended with a 75-minute conference in Premier Mussolini's office.

Rome, Jan. 12.—(AP)—Premier Mussolini presents to Prime Minister Chamberlain today his demands upon Europe, constituting, in effect, a definition of the "justice" which he sets as the price of peace, and likely revolving about control of the Mediterranean and colonial concessions.

Mussolini laid down the policy of "peace founded on justice in a friendly toast at the banquet he gave the British minister last night. Chamberlain, in an answering toast, said his way was for a "just and peaceful solution of international difficulties by the method of negotiation."

The two talked informally for 90 minutes yesterday. They chatted again after the banquet. The formal conference today included, as did the previous discussions, Foreign Ministers Lord Halifax and Count Ciano, Mussolini's son-in-law.

The foreign ministers' conversations were understood to have served as background for more important talks later, with the two premiers present. Reliable sources said no important decisions were reached.

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LOWER RATES FOR NEW YORK APPLES

Albany, N. Y., Jan. 12.—(AP)—New express rates, approximately one half of the present charges on apples shipped from New York to Florida, Georgia, and North and South Carolina were announced today. The State Department of Agriculture, predicting a wider market for state apples as a result, said the rates would be effective immediately. They cover shipments of not more than 50 pounds in each container.

A. & Y. IS ALLOWED TO CURTAIL TRAINS

Raleigh, Jan. 12.—(AP)—Utilities Commissioner Stanley Winborne announced today that the Atlantic & Yadkin railroad had been granted permission to stop all passenger train service on its lines between Sanford and Mount Airy. The railroad recently presented evidence that it was losing money on its operations, and the commission ordered it to provide mixed train service, but the railroad objected.

Cut In WPA Fund Backed In Committee

Washington, Jan. 12.—(AP)—The House Appropriations Committee, contending that WPA rolls carry "thousands neither rightly nor justifiably thereon," formally recommended today a \$725,000,000 appropriation to keep the relief agency going until June 30.

The full committee thus went along with a sub-committee in a revolt against the administration's spending program. President Roosevelt had asked \$875,000,000 for WPA, but that figure, the committee said, "presses a continued degree of unemployment out of harmony with general recovery indications."

Four Republican committeemen, asserting that "a national scandal re-

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Hungary Now Facing Crisis Over Premier

Budapest, Hungary, Jan. 12.—(AP)—Parliament began a new session today with the opposition in an increasingly rebellious mood against Premier Imredi on the allegation the premier was moving toward a fascist dictatorship.

The session was expected to furnish a new test of Imredi's strength in the midst of the delicate situation created by border incidents with Czechoslovakia over territory awarded to Hungary following the Munich agreement. The opposition forced Imredi's resignation last November 23, but later grudgingly gave him sufficient support to enable him to resume the premiership.

Charges against Imredi were that he is planning abolition of parties in favor of a one-party fascist system. The premier denied accusations that his organization of a super-political group for "Hungarian race protection" gave the dissidents, formerly of the government party of national unity, material on which to base their charges.