

Changed in Another Session Very Brief, With One New Measure.

Raleigh, Jan. 20.-(AP)-The leg islature got from, Representative Underwood, of Hertford, today a bill which would impose a new tax of one quarter of a cent per kilomatt hour on all electrical energy produced or sold in the State by public uti-lities. The measure would seek to make the tax applicable since 1935. The House held the spotlight in the day's doings, the Senate meeting only a few minutes and receiving one new

Representatives Cherry, of Gaston, and Stone, of Rockingham, introduced three bills in the House to amend the law on unemployment compensation so as to change the scale of benefit payments; provide for the "employer-merit-rating" system of segregation of funds; and make provision for seasonal industries.

From Representative Page, of Bladen, came a proposal to levy a tax of two and a half percent on the gross sales of liquor, with the money to go into a special fund to be used to teach "of the evils of alcohol." in the public schools.

A proposal was also sent in to provide for payment of Confederate pensions in 12 monthly installments in-

stead of semi-annually. The Robinson bill to relieve car owners and operators from liability for injuries suffered by hitch-hikers and voluntary passengers was taken

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Huge Sums Given For New Projects Sponsored By WPA

employ 981 persons got approval to-lay Administrator George Coan Jr. "Complaints about editorial columns day, Administrator George Coan, Jr., announced. Ten school construction projects included: Moore county, \$18,-111.25 for Aberdeen school auditorium gymnasium and other work; Sampson county near Clinton, \$7,760 for Halls teacherage; Halifax county, columns are never disturbing to predschool \$44,872 for school buildings; and Lenoir county, \$8,367 for gymnasium at Deep Run school.

Other projects included: Moore county, \$4,393 for matron service in public schools; Durham, \$34,836 for "They will make an building and improving sidewalks; Dunn, \$23,308 for improving townowned streets; Johnston county, \$12,field, \$42,889 for improving streets; Hemp, \$26,361.50 for sidewalks.

Bill; Number of New Bills in House; Senate Spending Is Slowed Down

Voters Careless and Ignorant About Government and Tax System, Babson Says; Half Bills Unpaid; Sees Nation Headed Toward Chaos

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water rights, electric franchises, and Financial Bureau, Inc. Babson Fark, Mass., Jan. 20 .- "I am mail contracts. In a Fascist state, convinced that public spending can public spending can be controlled and never be stopped." This was the reeven halted. In a Democracy, it concent comment of an honest, far-sight- stantly increases unless voters are ed-but defeated-public official. A people of high character. It believe year ago, he was elected mayor of one of the nation's oldest cities on a "cut expenses" platform. He put constructive economies into force. They pinched the pocketbooks of this, that, and the other group. So, at the end of his term, pressure minorities defeated him for re-election. This man's conclusion, after a year's practical ex-perience with public economy, is dis-

heartening. Vested interests are built up in public spending just as in power com-panies, railroads, and chain stores. Some pressure groups will fight just

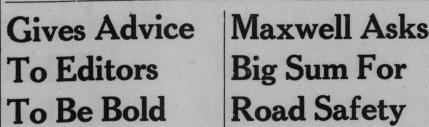
that current public extravagance is today the most immediate of all threats to our personal liberty. It is surely a greater menace than possible armed invasion by foreign dictators. Voters Ignorant. Behind our colossal spending is the woeful carelessness and ignorance of

Grab In Spain the average voter concerning public administration and our tax system **By Dictators** The "soak-the-rich" slogan of the po-

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Daily Dispatch Bureau, In the Sir Walter Hotel.

By HENRY AVERILL



Chapel Hill, Jan. 20.-(AP)-Tom Wallace, editor of the Louisville, Ky., Times, told the North Carolina Newspaper Institute today that any lacka-Raleigh, Jan. 20.-Commissioner of Revenue A. J. Maxwell quit his acdaisical attitude on the part of Amercustomed role of hardboiled tax collector and pedagogue of revenue rais-He spoke at the morning session of ing long enough late yestrday after-

Raleigh, Jan. 20.—(AP)—Sixteen WPA projects to cost \$350,036.05 and the University of North Carolina and apostle of safety and an evangelist for the doctrine of better roads.

He appeared before the joint appropriations committee to explain not being read arise largely from smug publishers, who would resent the budget requests of the highway being called dishonest, but who, never- safety division and the highway patheless, are just that," Wallace declar- trol and tarried long enough to ansed, "publishers whose editorial wer leading and pointed questions from committee members primarily atory human beings or inspiring to interested in such issues as diverhonest men. Such publishers say they sion.

Text of the Maxwellian discourse don't believe in editorial crusades, might well have been "let there be life," though he didn't lay it down that they believe such projects are

before delivery of his preachments. "They will make any excuse for not He described North Carolina's recdoing their duty," the editor asserted. "They will try any advice short of ord for highway safety as "unenviable" and pointed out that despite honesty to get their milk and water 664 for work relief programs; Smith- editorials read; they will buy any sort the State's vigorous campaign dur-

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today for the robbery-murder of IP. T. Moore, a store-keeper, last April

'A mask covered Stovall's face and held his head erect, and for the first time at a gassing in North Carolina the witnesses did not see every facial contortion of the dying man. Opinion of the witnesses was that the mask made watching an execution much easier.

The Negro entered the death chamber at 11:01, was given gas eleven minutes, 40 seconds, and was dead at 11:15 a.m., Dr. Felda Hightower, pri

as hard to keep on spending as other son physician said. The execution pressure groups will battle to retain was delayed from 10:30 until 11 as priosn officials refused to use some acid on hand for the gas generation and hurriedly secured some apparently more concentrated.

Deputy Sheriff W. T. Beasley, of Granville county, who said he arrested Stovall in the Moore case, witnessed the execution. He said Stovall did

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By CHARLES P. STEWART

Central Press Columnist Washington, Jan. 20. — American



Raleigh, Jan. 20.-(AP)-W. E. Fenner, of Rocky Mount, chairman of the State's commission on participation in the New York World's Fair, told the State Association of Agricul- Guam, but contended this did not nee tural Fair Secretaries today that the essarily mean fortifications. exhibit of North Caro ina would be one of the best advertisements the State has ever had. Some 60 secretroduced yesterday in both houses of taries attended the opening session. Congress, the Fresident also differen This afternoon the secretaries artiated between authorization and ac ranged dates for exposition this fall.

thorization did not necessarily mean that a proposed project ultimately **Insurgents** Claim would be carried to completion. Mr. Roosevelt said a change New Inroads Made world conditions might permit abandonment of the whole thing. Replying to a question, the Presi Toward Barcelona, dent said his position was not con-fusing. When asked if he favored

Hendaye, France, Jan. 20.-(AP) -Spanish insurgents said today they had smashed a new gap in the defenses in front of Barcelona. Occupation of Calaff, they said, brought insurgent troops well within the borders of Barcelona province.

General Valino's army corps, on the left wing of Franco's big push in Catalonia, took Calaff, the re-ports sail, while the insurgent cent and right wing columns pushed steadily forward in a converging movement toward Bar-

dent Says

tual appropriation. He said an au

fortifying Guam, the President asked

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though Hitler retained him in the cabinet, without portfolio but subject to assignment to "special duties."

Washington, Jan. 20.-(AP)-Presi-Rublee, who had planned to leave dent Roosevelt said today he favored Berlin tomorrow after signing a docuthe bill authorizing \$5,000,000 for dement embracing Schacht's plan, now is expected to ask the German govfense improvements on the island of

ernment through the United States and British Embassies whether the In a long discussion with reporters negotiations can be resumed on some of the item in the \$65,000,000 bill in- other basis, or with some other German representative.

> Martin Drops **15 Members Of Auto Body**

if the pending bill provided for that. Detroit, Mich., Jan. 20.-(AP)-His questioner said it did not, and Homer Martin, union president, suslater the President asserted that it pended 15 members of the CIO United provided only for deepning the harbor for additional barracks for the Automobile Workers executive board today, and announced he would assmall number of marines now on the semble an international convention to island, and improving landinf fareplace the one called for March 20 at Cleveland by his opponent in the

The President talked to reporters a short while after it was authoritative- UAW. The sudden attempt by the youthly disclosed that the army proposes to double its present force of about

ful president split wide open the factional row in the big automobile union, and headed the organized 13,000 men in the Panama Canal workers toward possible dual unionism and dual conventions.

Martin's announcement was made

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Smoke Fumes Fatal To Trio In Brooklyn

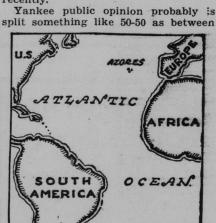
New York, Jan. 20.-(AP)-Three persons, including a 90-year-old woman, died of smoke poisoning today and is no longer met with serious in a mysterious fire which badly damaged a four-story house in the Which explains the zeal of anti-di- aristocratic Hill section of Brooklyn. Police sought a prowler whose foot-

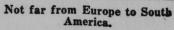
steps awakened a fourth member of million dollars from the highway fund licy of diversion. They quote the old the family, thus saving his life. The during the next two years, but it is really nine million dollars of gasoline mean a face. We first endure, then Mrs. Amelia Clement, widow of State tax money that will be diverted, point pity, then embrace." They point out Supreme Court Justice George Cleed out Clarence Stone, one of the leg- that the sales tax, adopted as an eni- ment; her son, George, 54, a graduate ergency measure, soon became an ac- of Yale University in 1905, and the

> Arthur Clement, 60, retired maritime lawyer, brother of George, said he was awakened by sounds of the prowler shortly after 6 a. m., and went downstairs to investigate. Overcome by the smoke, he did not catch

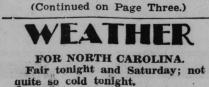
sight of the intruder. "Whoever it was," he told police, "must have started the fire."

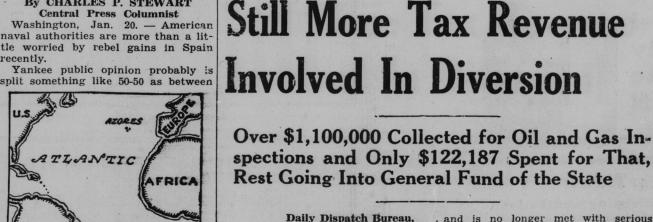
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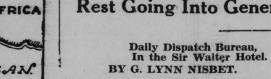




the Spanish so-called insurrectos under general Franco and the so-called







Raleigh, Jan. 20 .- The budget appropriations bill calls for taking seven islative leaders against diversion. commission books at all, over a mil-

tenth of it has been spent in inspec-tion and testing work. This "dive"sion" has become an accepted policy

protest.

cilities for planes.

versionists to prevent adoption in a

"permanent" revenue bill of any po-

into the general fund, collected di-rectly by the department of revenue the proposed "sales tax" assessment and never going through the highway against the gasoline fund. The gas and oil inspection unit, a lion dollars a year in the quarter- division in the department of revenue cent inspection tax. Only about one- last year operated on the inspection

fees collected from kerosene dealer ;,

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For some years there has been paid cepted policy; so did the quarter- son's wife, Grace, 51.