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FALL OF BARCELONA TO REBELS

Election Law Bills Pour Into Assembly Asking For Changes

Salemburg School Has \$40,000 Fire

Salemburg, Jan. 24.-(AP)-A \$40,000 fire damaged the Salemburg school today before it was brought under control. No one was hurt and most of the furniture was saved, but ten tons of coal stored in the basement was still burning today. Members of the Clinton fire department aided local fire-fighters in controlling the blaze, which started from a water heater in a locker room of the grammar school building, and spread to the high school building. Officials said the oss was covered by insurance.

State Group Has Plan Of Retirement

Employees May In-Them, Though Teach- and on certain days.

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

Raleigh, Jan. 24.—Having waited waited with patient futility for an invitation to join the teachers in a R. W. SANDERS, 48, retirement plan, other State employees have about concluded to extend the invitation themselves and Commissioner Gurney P. Hood, has and sister and three brothers. been studying the matter for weeks. Reports made at the January meeting Ex-Police Chief of the State Employees' Credit Union was approved by the employees and the committee was instructed to contine its work, to confer with repre-

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Ex-Legislator In South Carolina Is

York, S. C., Jan. 24.—(AP)—The York county grand jury today indi- P. Adams recessed court for the day. cated former Representative Q. E. Britt. of Rock Hill, on charges of HARNETT COUNTY PEOPLE accepting bribes or rewards on two

gate on July 13, 1937, for obtaining tribution to Parker's lawyers. the appointment by Governor Johnston, and \$100 on August 2, 1938, for

obtaining re-appointment. named to the place.

Daily Dispatch Bureau, In the Sir Walter Hotel.

By G. LYNN NISBET

and some concern was manifest today

among department of education offi-

cials at the import of Judge Walter

Brne's decision in the Wilson county

intangibles tax case. The amount in-

volved in that action is not large, and

Nevertheless, school folks regard it

indebtedness contracted for school

purposes. This appears in the pream-

as a danger signal.

bearing on the particular decision. courts.

About Intangible Taxes

Raleigh, Jan. 24.—A lively interest what shall be done with the money

there are local conditions which had instances did it go so far as the

The section of the 1937 revenue act lected taxes on bank deposits and

dealing with collection and distribution other so-called "intangibles" wealth

tion of the tax on intangibles states on the same basis with other personal

that the money shall be used for the property. In 1937 the legislature took

payment of interest and principal of over intangibles for exclusive taxa-

Four Measures Sponsored by State Elections Board Ask Repeal of Absentee Law, Smaller Precincts and New Registration; U. N. C. Asks More Money

Raleigh, Jan. 24.—(AP)—Proposals to revise the State's election laws held the center of the legislative stage today.

The House got four bills sponsored by the State Elections Board, calling for repeal of the present law on ab-sentee voting, and substitution of a new statute; splitting of larger precincts, a new registration and tightening of laws on markers.

In came also bils to repeal the absentee ballots law as it applies to Polk, Swain, Catawba, Madison, Sampson and Hoke counties.

The joint committee on election laws called a public hearing for tomorrow morning as some two dozen bills facing it.

Representatives Bryant and Polard, of Durham, introduced a bill to provide for licensing and regulation of all road houses, tourists camps, cabin camps, dance halls and tourist homes in the State.

Representative Holloman, of Halifax, sent in a proposal to amend the vite Teachers in With laws requiring clerks of courts to be at their offices between certain hours

ers Have Held Out on House the Larkins-Blythe bill to re-Other State Workers write and extend the provisions of the law setting up an officers' benefit fund for those killed or injured in line of duty. The bill provides for

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OF CLAYTON, DIES

let the teachers go along with them. Clayton, Jan. 24.—(AP) — Robbie Although unofficially informed that Wendell Sanders, 48, prominent busi-Clayton, Jan. 24.—(AP) — Robbie the teachers did not want their re-tirement plan encumbered by attach-home early today of a heart attack, ing provisions for other State em- after a brief illness. Funeral services ployees, the other employees are still will be conducted Wednesday afternegotiating for a place on the band noon from the home. He leaves a wagon. A committee, headed by Bank | widow, two sons, three stepdaughters,

At Coats Is Tried In Texas Slaying

San Augustine, Texas, Jan. 24.-(AP)—The State began presentation of its evidence today in the trial of Lester Parker, former police chief of Accused Of Bribe

Accused Of Bribe

Coats, N. C., on trial charged with the murder of Laurie Amie in 1932.

Selection of a jury was completed yesterday. Aftre the last juror had taken his seat in the box, Judge F.

FURNISH AID TO OFFICER Dunn, Jan. 24.—(AP)—A number The indictment charged that Britt of Harnett county officials have signaccepted sums of money from R. E. ed affidavits attesting the character Wingate for "procuring or assisting of Lester Parker, former Coats police to procure" appointment of Wingate chief, on trial on a charge of murder as Catawba Indian financial agent. in San Augustine, Texas. More than The bill alleged the former repre- a half dozen depositions were taken sentative accepted \$150 from Win- and sent a ong with a financial con-

Among those making depositions were Sheriff W. E. Salmon, Judge Floyd H. Taylor, Mayor J. B. Wil-Britt recently said he had been liams of Coats and State Senator

ble to the section, and is reiterated

accuring from the tax to cities and

towns which do not have any school

debt. And this is the issue in the Wil-

son case. The same issue had pre-

viously been raised at Oxford and at

Charlotte, though in neither of those

For many years counties and towns

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have required listing and have col-

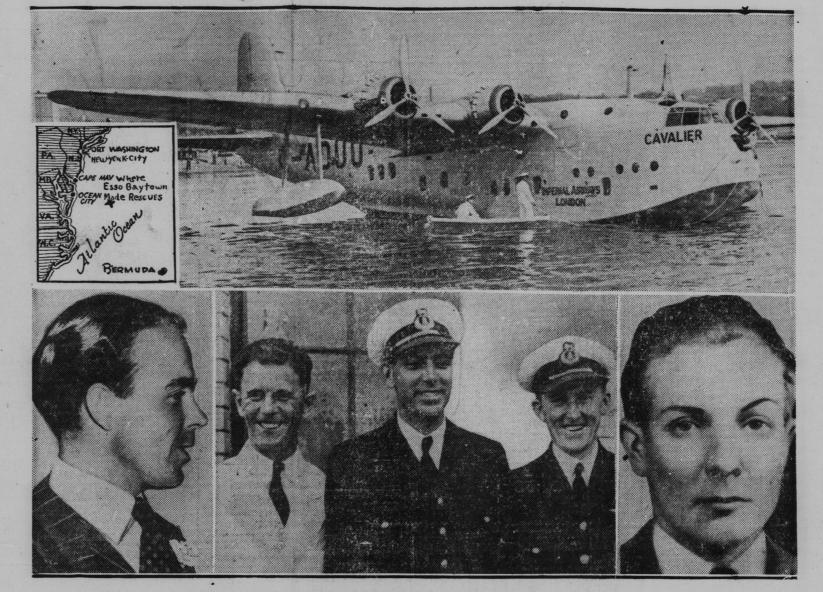
in the paragraph providing for dis-

Pitts said today. Kansas City Jury School Folks Concerned Told To Get Head

Judge Reeves armed the jury with one of the government's most fearsome weapons, the income tax evasion statute, which

"Gambling places exist," he said "from which huge incomes, enormous incomes, are derived, and from which the government, burdened as it is and burdened as its citizens, are derived no benefit and no income, and the people must suffer the edium of having these places maintained among them."

DRAMATIC RESQUE OF OCEAN PLANE'S SURVIVORS



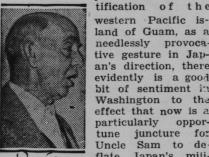
tanker Esso Baytown. Above, Ill-fated plane, map of the rescued passengers. scene, and left to right. M. R. Alderson, plane's captain. rescu

Rescuers and rescued of New York-Bermuda flying boat ed in critical condition; Robert Spence steward, missing; Pat Cavalier tell dramatic story of survivors clinging to rubber rick Chapman, radio officer who called for aid; Neil Richardso life belts in stormy Atlantic for 10 hours prior to rescue by the n, first officer; and Charles Talbot, Brookline, Mass, one of

Military Men Arguing Over Guam Defense

By CHARLES P. STEWART Central Press Columnist

Washington, Jan. 24.—Although war experts like Maj. Gen. William C. Rivers, retired, deprecate the proposed American for



land of Guam, as a needlessly provoca tive gesture in Japan's direction, there evidently is a good bit of sentiment in Uncle Sam to deflate Japan's mili-

Maj. Gen. Rivers tarists. Senator William E. Borah, notably, among U. S. lawmakers, agrees with Gen. Rivers, Of course all our pacifistic groups take the same position. For that matter, no civilized person the United States should be very hesi-

the firebrand class, either) who ar-

tant to aggravate Nippon unneces-

(Continued on Page Five.) THREE PRISONERS SAW THROUGH BARS

Raleigh, Jan. 24.—(AP)—Three prisoners successfully sawed their way through cell bars at the Guilford county prison camp today and escap-ed, State Fenal Superintendent Oscar

Of Gambling Ring

Kansas City, Jan. 24.—(AP)— Federal Judge A'bert L. Reeves, who broke open the 1936 vote frauds, set a grand jury on the trial of another scandal today with an order to get the "big man" in Kansas City gambling. He did not name the "big man" in his 3,000-word charge to the

sent Al Capone to Alcatraz.

Roosevelt Approves France Set Postponing Freedom For Border Of The Philippines

President Submits to Congress Report of Committee on Philippine Affairs, Approved by President Quezon; Senator Adams Charges Relief Propaganda

Washington to the dent Roosevelt submitted to Congress an assertion that misstatements and effect that now is a for its consideration today the report particularly opport of the joint preparatory committee on effort to increase the allotment. tune juncture for Philippine affairs, recommending post ponement from 1946 to 1960 of economic independence for the Philippines.

Mr. Roosevelt said the report, made public last November, had his approval, as well as that of President Quezon, of the islands. It proposes gradual elimination of

existing trade privilgees, beginning in dissents from the proposition that 1946, to permit the island republic to adjust its economy to the normal condition of a completely free country, having to pay in full tariffs the Unit-However, there are others (not of ed States demands of other countries. Meanwhile, Senator Adams, Democrat, Colorado, opened Senate debate

Washington, Jan. 24.—(AP)—Fresi- on the \$725,000,000 relief bill, with propaganda had been circulated in an Adams, the bill's floor manager said there "has been much misstate-

> and some not innocent.' of the United States."

Army officers, also, gave Congress some details on the proposed \$110,in that zone, Perfect Didkowski esly injured a French airman whose
tablished mobile guard barriers which ment of existing regular army and were in addition to posts on the fron- mysteriously unexplained. National Guard units. Brigadier-General R. M. Back, assistant chief of

Huge British Bomber Lost In Big Storm

London, Jan. 24.— (AP) -Britis! warships and royal air force planes searched the English channel today for a British bombing plane with six men aboard, missing since yesterday's storm which caused widespread damage to Atlantic shipping.

Lloyds, which received SOS signals from 15 ships yesterday, reported that three of them were making for their home ports. There were no reports from the others, including the 7,200odd ton Chilean passenger ship Aconcagua, but there was little anxiety because the weather had moderated. The Chilean ship, with a crew estimated to number 200, and an undis closed number of passengers, reported at noon Sunday that a damaged steering gear had left her helpless about 200 miles west of Ireland.

The coast guard found a sma!! sailing boat wrecked near St. Ives,

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FOR NORTH CAROLINA Generally fair tonight and Wednesday; colder in extreme east portion.

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New York, Jan. 24-(AP).-Captain M. R. Alderson, skipper of the Imperial Airways plane Cavalier today discounted reports ice had frozen the carburetors of

the plane and caused it to crash. "The cause of the tragedy," he said, "is a mystery to me. At no no time did I have the slightest fear of ice forming on the craft." It was his first intensive interview since the ship went down in the Atlantic Ocean.

"I have flown through far worse conditions. I can say definitely that ice conditions were not serious on this trip. Preparations for dealing with ice on the Cavalier were ample. The exact cause, however, has yet to be determin-

New York, Jan. 24.—(AP)—Why the .uxurious British air liner Cavalier crashed at sea with the loss of three lives remained a mystery today as ten survivors described how they sang and shouted to keep their courage alive until their epic rescue. They told the story of an eleven-

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Emergencies

Handle Refugees from Spain Is Mobilized as Tenseness Grows In Mystery In Insurgent Advance

Perpignan, France, Jan. 24.—(AP)— France adopted extraordinary police measures along her tense Spanish of refugees from the Catalan war

ment of the situation, some innocent Primary emergency precautions "There has been very extensive were taken in an area extending 125 Los Angeles, Cal., Jan. 24.—(AP)—propaganda," he added, "and the is-miles inland from the Mediterranean, High ranking army officers sought were taken in an area extending 125 sue has been misstated to the people and some distance north from the bor-

> tablished mobile guard barriers which presence on the ill-fated flight was tier proper where the guardsmen regularly watch every mountain pass. guards and other local officers in the groomed for War Department compe-

> pignan and other nearby garrisons as to why Paul Chemidlin, 33, of the guard. This secondary line was ordered to watch for refugees who secretly-designed bomber took off might get through the frontier barfugees must not pass except under

Government And People Are Leaving

Insurgent Bombs Alm o s t Constantly Pounding City as Public Services Fail and Government Spain's Capital Becomes Military Camp; Defenders Fight on, However

Lerida, Spain, Jan. 24.—(AP)— Insurgent leaders declared today that their forces had achieved "a complete break" in government defenses directly before Barcelona and that the fall of the government capital was regarded as a matter of hours.

Barcelona, Spain, Jan. 24.— (AP)—Many government ministers left Barcelona for the north this morning, while the beleaguered capital, pounded by insurgent bombs, and with its public services failing, became a military camp.

With an icy wind blowing, refugees crowded the streets leading out of the city. Bombs crashed from the skies at brisk intervals as the insurgent air force heavily attacked the city for the fourth successive day. (Insurgent dispatches said Barce-

ona was under fire of the insurgent big guns).
United States officials prepared to send some of their nationals out of

the war-torn Barcelona area. Government departments withdrawing from the city despite the cabinet's announcement that it

would remain in Barcelona. Meanwhile, Hendaye, France, reported Spanish insurgents announced the encirclement of the town of Gava, only seven miles from Barcelona proper, and said the Spanish government capital was under the direct

fire of their artillery. While General Franco's column, driving along the coast from the Strong Guard To southwest, bore down on its objective

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Army Bomber frontiers today, anticipating a flood of refugees from the Catalan war

Los Angeles, Cal., Jan. 24.—(AP) a cause today for the flaming crash of the nation's newest light bomber. On all main and secondary roads which killed its test pilot and serious-

Douglas Aircraft Corporation, build er of the metal twin-engined tricycle-Police of every village, and forest geared plane admitted it was being zone were notified they formed a part tition at Dayton, Ohio. But company of the refugee-watching service.

Three infantry regiments in Peridentity, and then refused explanation were designated for a secondary French air ministry, accompanied Test Pilot John Cable, 34, when the

rier. Under the perfect's plans, the Cable's parachute failed to open as whole southern section of the east- he plummetted to earth. Chemidlin ern Pyreees department has been stayed with the plane as it crashed urned into a zone through which re- into a parking lot near North American Aviation Company's plant at Los Angeles municipal airport.

Britain Mobilizes Army For Industrial Service

pean concern over what ultimate con-pean concern over what ultimate consequences may arise from the civil

The government, through the ministry of labor, called the scheme one of "selective recruitment" by Ihich tribution." workmen between 18 and 64 would in wartime be placed in reserve occupalic service industries.

London, Jan. 24.—(AF)—Great Bri- 25 is affected. Omitted are most tain announced plans for an indus- grades of clerical workers, workers trial "overalls" army of more than in the building trades, warehousemen, parters, packers, store-keepers, enter-6,000,000 men today as the insurgent tainment groups, salesmen, hotel and advance into Spain intensified Euro- restaurant workers and general la-

> labor office said the men would be reserved for "armaments, agriculture, 'textile, essential public services, food manufacture and dis-

Most of the working population not placed in the reserve group is nouncement followed Prime Minister

tions, the munitions, defense and pub- eligible for military service. The an-The list takes in about half the male | Chamberlain's appeal last night for working population of the country, volunteers in a civil defense army, but roughly 3,000,000 are over 45. Only about one in five of men 18 to was watched intently here.