

STATEWIDE LIQUOR BAN GIVEN ASSEMBLY

England And France Painted As Defense For United States

Tanker Taken Off Bar In Cape Fear

Wilmington, Feb. 15.—(AP)—All was well this morning with the tanker Pan Virginian, 5,936-ton vessel, which grounded off Reaves Point in the Cape Fear river Sunday morning...

Warren Trip To Raleigh Starts Talk

State Capitol Wonders if Congressman Is, After All, Seriously Considering Quitting Congress To Run for Governor in 1940

Daily Dispatch Bureau, In the Sir Walter Hotel. By HENRY AVERILL. Raleigh, Feb. 15.—A violent epidemic of the "wonder whats" has broken out in Raleigh as the result of Congressman Lindsay Warren's flying visit to this State capital...

In the case of prospective candidates for the governorship, particularly in such as have hopes of securing administration support (J. M. Broughton and Willis Smith, for example) the disease has appeared in really virulent form...

The congressman, of course, disclaimed any and all connection between his trip here and the 1940 State campaign. He told your correspondent with the greatest appearance of sincerity that the recent newspaper talk about him as a gubernatorial aspirant is "all news to me."

Just the same, all and sundry are wondering what he did come here for. It is pointed out by those who keep an eye glued on the political weather-vane that Mr. Warren seldom comes to North Carolina while the Congress is in session...

Budget More Unbalanced By Sales Tax Exemption

Daily Dispatch Bureau, In the Sir Walter Hotel. BY HENRY AVERILL. Raleigh, Feb. 15.—Kid Balañed Budget took two hard pokes to the jaw in yesterday's fight in the finance committee ring. To begin with, the committee roared down, without even demand for a division a motion to reopen the sales tax section with a view to replacing basic building materials in the ever-lengthening list of goods, wares and chattels upon which Tax Heels must chafe over that much-cursed three pennies on the dollar.

Outlay To Be Two Billion Dollars Instead of One Billion; England Worried by New Influx of Italian Troops to Libya, Next to Tunis

Washington, Feb. 15.—(AP)—The House heard sales of war planes to foreign nations defended today on the ground that "Americans are safe only so long as England and France stand."

Representative Gifford, Republican, Massachusetts, launched the attack on the airplane sale, abroad, with a declaration that the inference was "dreadfully plain" that the United States was going into an alliance "with somebody."

The House Naval Committee, meanwhile, by a vote of 14 to 5, rejected a move to eliminate the Pacific island of Guam from the naval aviation authorization bill, and then approved the measure authorizing \$68,400,000 for new and expanded aviation bases.

Other developments: The Senate Commerce Committee approved eleven appointments by President Roosevelt to aviation and maritime boards and sent them to the Senate for expected confirmation.

Chairman Bailey, Democrat, North Carolina, said serious charges that had been lodged against some of the appointees were unfounded. The appointees were interviewed by a committee.

These who went on trial today were charged with high revolutionary crimes. SIEGE AROUND MADRID IS INTENSIFIED BY FRANCO

Perpignan, France, Feb. 15.—(AP)—Insurgent General Franco has intensified the siege of Madrid, with his heavy artillery shelling the Spanish government capital daily. Insurgent guns bombarded the central quarters of the city last night, government dispatches said, for the third successive day since Premier Negrin installed his cabinet in Madrid.

Damaging Wind In Asheville Region

Asheville, Feb. 15.—(AP)—A severe wind storm swept over Asheville early today, unroofing scores of houses, uprooting numerous trees and shattering windows, but causing no casualties so far as first reports indicated. The wind was accompanied by a torrential rain.

Rebel Forces Are Facing Gun Squads

Franco Prepares To Execute Government Leaders at Barcelona; Siege of Madrid Intensified as Loyalist Minister Reaches Paris

Barcelona, Feb. 15.—(AP)—Six Spanish government leaders went on trial for their lives today while only military formalities stood between Edouardo Barriobero, president of Madrid-Barcelona people's tribunals, and an insurgent firing squad.

Barriobero, 61-year-old anarchist lawyer, was sentenced to death last night by an insurgent military tribunal in the same room of the palace of justice where he himself once pronounced death sentences on insurgent sympathizers.

He will be executed as soon as the captain-general of the military district formally approves the sentence. Barriobero, told the military court he could have escaped before Barcelona fell January 26, but preferred to remain, was the first to get the death sentence from the insurgent conquerors of this Catalanian metropolis.

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Paris, Feb. 15.—(AP)—Julio del Vayo, Spanish government foreign minister, arrived in Paris unexpectedly. The Ballentine-Morse sally, supported by Senator Jack Morphey, Representative Clarence Stone and others, was regarded as a last ditch fight in the committee against the governor's proposition to divert seven million dollars from the highway fund to the general fund.

Britain To Double Spending For Vast Armaments Program

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Road Funds Appeal Made In Committee

Raleigh, Feb. 15.—"No other dollar brings as much in human happiness as the dollar spent for roads," declared representative W. Clarence Morse, of Pasquotank, before the appropriations committee yesterday afternoon.

He was supporting a motion made by Senator Ballentine, of Wake, that the committee allocate the same amount of money for county roads as was actually spent on them last year, which would be about four million dollars more than the budget commission had approved for that purpose.

Storm warnings up on Atlantic coast. Jacksonville, Fla., Feb. 15.—(AP)—The Weather Bureau today ordered small craft warnings hoisted off the Atlantic coast from Cape Hatteras southward to Jacksonville.

WEATHER FOR NORTH CAROLINA Rain: this afternoon, partly cloudy and colder tonight; Thursday generally fair, slightly colder in east and central portions.

Referendum May 6 Asked By New Bill

Measure Goes to Finance Committees, Which Also Are Considering Mail Order Liquor Shipments into Dry Counties; Minor Measures Offered

Raleigh, Feb. 15.—(AP)—The legislature got a bill today which would set a referendum May 6 on the question of banning all wine, beer and whisky in the state.

Representative Withrow, of Rutherford, introduced the measure. It was referred to the House Finance Committee. The finance groups have been reporting unfavorably all bills proposing to dry up counties.

Hitler Orders Work On Kiel Canal For Widening Of Route

Berlin, Feb. 15.—(AP)—Nazi Germany's Fuehrer Hitler acted today to give the Reich a canal from the Baltic to the North Sea wider than Panama or Suez by the time her latest battleship, the Bismarck, is commissioned two years hence.

Chancellor Hitler's decision to have the historic Kiel canal widened to "make possible the parallel traffic of the largest type of ships" was seconded by a sweeping decree by Field Marshal Hermann Goering, director of the four-year plan, whereby every German inhabitant can be commandeered for every job deemed necessary for the nation.

Position Of ICC Nominee Is Defended

Washington, Feb. 15.—From nothing that I can discover has Thomas R. Amle, President Roosevelt's first choice for a seat on the Interstate Commerce Commission, expressed himself as an enemy of democracy, the charge immediately brought against him by opponents of his senatorial confirmation as an ICC appointee.

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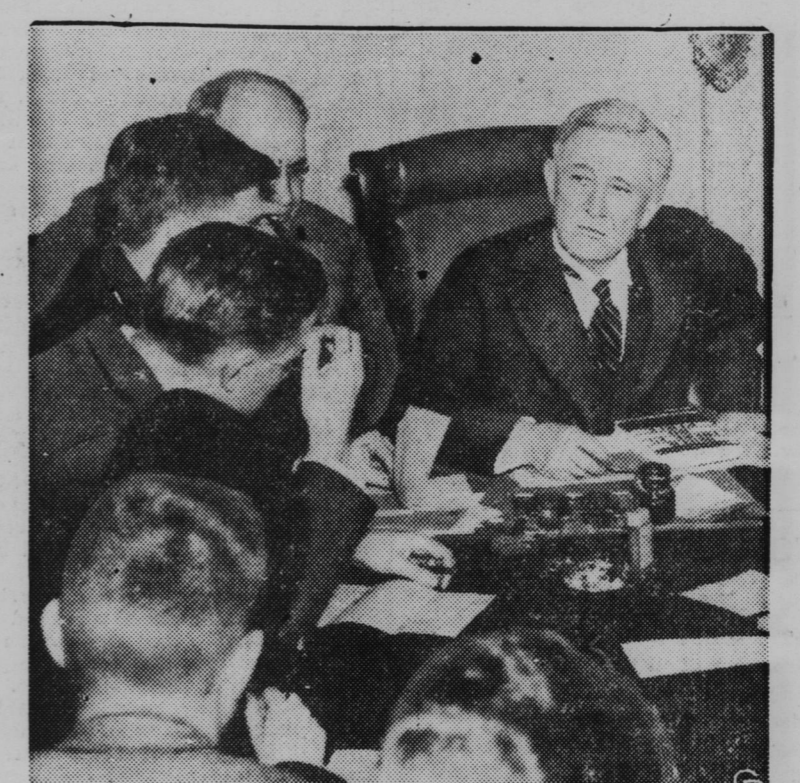
Premier Finds He's Jew And Quits Office

Budapest, Hungary, Feb. 15.—(AP)—Premier Imradi resigned today because of parliamentary opposition to his sweeping proposals for regulating Jews, and afterwards startled his party members by announcing that he had discovered that he himself was partly Jewish.

In a speech before colleagues of the party of national unity, whom he had persuaded to adopt his anti-Jewish program, which envisaged laws curtailing political rights of Jews, barring them from certain types of work and limiting their activities in others, Imradi declared one of his great grandparents was born a Jew.

Weather Is Freakish, And Damage Heavy

(By The Associated Press.) Severe windstorms in the south and east and dense fog along the New England coast brought about a display of freak weather today. Gales of short duration unroofed a number of houses and snapped high tension wires in the vicinity of Lynchburg and Buena Vista, Va.



Senator Morris Shappard, of Texas, chairman of the Senate military affairs committee, talks to members of the press after his committee voted down proposal made by Senator Bennett C. Clark, of Missouri. The committee voted against barring secret testimony on the administration's cooperation with France in purchasing American-made planes.

Into each division also went bills to provide that no State taxes shall be levied on State banks which are not also levied on national banks. The Senate got a bill to require that beauty culture colleges must make charges of at least 50 percent of stand ard prices when work is done by students. The bill would also provide that the State licensing board must base its examinations on 25 percent practical work and 75 percent written questions, with a grade of 70 necessary to pass.

The House got from White, of Chowan, a bill to pay \$17,208.92 to the Edenton-Mackey Ferry Company as compensation fixed by a special commission to adjust the loss incurred by the company due to erection of the new Albemarle Sound bridge.

MAIL ORDER LIQUOR BILL ALSO BEING CONSIDERED Raleigh, Feb. 15.—(AP)—A bill to provide for a statewide referendum on elimination of county liquor stores will likely hit legislative hoppers any day now. The Associated Press learned authoritatively today.

Representative Withrow, of Rutherford county, is expected to introduce the measure, which would set May 6 as the date for the vote. Should the State vote for a restoration of prohibition, the ban on county stores would be effective July 1.

Withrow has petitions signed by more than 3,000 of his constituents opposing the sale of liquor. Tomorrow the joint finance committee is expected to take up a bill to

GUILDFORD NEGRO IS GRANTED REPRIEVE Raleigh, Feb. 15.—(AP)—Paroles Commissioner Edwin Gill announced today that Governor Hoy would re-prieve Bat DeJournet, Negro, sentenced in Guilford county to be executed here Friday. Gill said that Elmer Williams, a co-defendant with DeJournet, "has confessed that he actually killed Garland Mangum and in a lengthy statement gives facts that tend to exonerate DeJournet of murder, involving him only as an accessory after the fact."