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Legislature's Riddle Is Where To Get The Money

Unprecedented Joint Committee Begins Desperate Hunt for Revenue; Liqueur Law Likely To Remain Unchanged; Many Deceptive Bills Seen

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

Raleigh, Feb. 20.—Optimistic predictions, made with an air of extreme pessimism, featured Capitol and hotel lobby conversations about the money bills as the seventh week of the 1939 General Assembly ended Saturday. Not even the most optimistic members feel that any real progress was made during the week. Except that the committees have gotten rid of some of the conversation that always accompanies the birth of revenue and appropriation bills. They hope that some progress will be made this week.

In a desperate effort to speed up activity and bring out bills by the last of the week that will promise a reasonable balance between estimated revenue and allocated expenditures, a joint sub-committee,

representing all four committees having to do with money, was named.

This is a precedent-making incident, because never before have the several groups effected such a formal merger of thought and activities. Personnel of the sub-committee gives color to the hope that something can be done. The finance groups have Chairman Pat Taylor, with Senator Gordon Gray, Wade Barber and Jack Joyner; House Chairman Bill Fenner, with Representatives Frank Taylor, Hugh Jarvis, Gregg Cherry and Victor Bryant. The appropriations groups have Senators Bill Rodman, chairman, J. M. Separk and Clyde Council; House Chairman John W. Caffey, with Representatives Fred Seeley, C. P. Rogers and John Kerr.

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State Agencies Seeking Larger Personnel To Build Bigger Political Machine

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

Raleigh, Feb. 20.—It is the dream of every "politician" to have as many people as possible looking to him for jobs. That enables him to form what he calls an organization, and what the opposition calls a political machine. This ancient motive has prompted a number of bills in the present session, as in every one in the past.

The prolonged argument over duplication of activities in agricultural work is a case in point. The experiment station and the extension service at State College want the test farms and produce marketing transferred from the Department of Agriculture, Dean Schaub stating bluntly

that the reason therefor was that these agencies could supervise personnel. "The department wants to keep them, and to greatly expand the marketing service, arguing that the experiment station and extension services are dominated by the Federal government and that the State would lose control of policy-making and personnel if the transfer is made. Each agency presented briefs showing that it could do the job better than the other. But by verbal statement, on and off the record, college adherents charge that Commissioner Scott has high political ambitions and wants to "build up a machine," while department workers retort that Dean Schaub aspires to be an

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Showdown On Annual Wage Basis Grows, Andrews Says

Daily Dispatch Bureau. In the Sir Walter Hotel. BY HENRY AVERILL.

Raleigh, Feb. 20.—As the revenue bill nears the House floor, still containing full authority for gubernatorial diversion of highway funds, it becomes more and more apparent that the anti-diversion group can, and probably will, get its very first roll call show down on the matter when the diversion section is reached by the committee of the whole.

So far the anti-division have been bowled over on every test, but on only one of these was a roll call had, and even then it was by no means a straight out-and-out question of diversion or no diversion. It was merely a question of what committee should get a bill every body knew would finally wind up in finance anyway.

There hasn't been so much talk about the \$7,000,000 diversion of late and some writers have dismissed the whole thing as settled, but there is every prospect that the liveliest debate of all is still to come; and there are any number of anti-divisionists on a roll call vote of the House they can win.

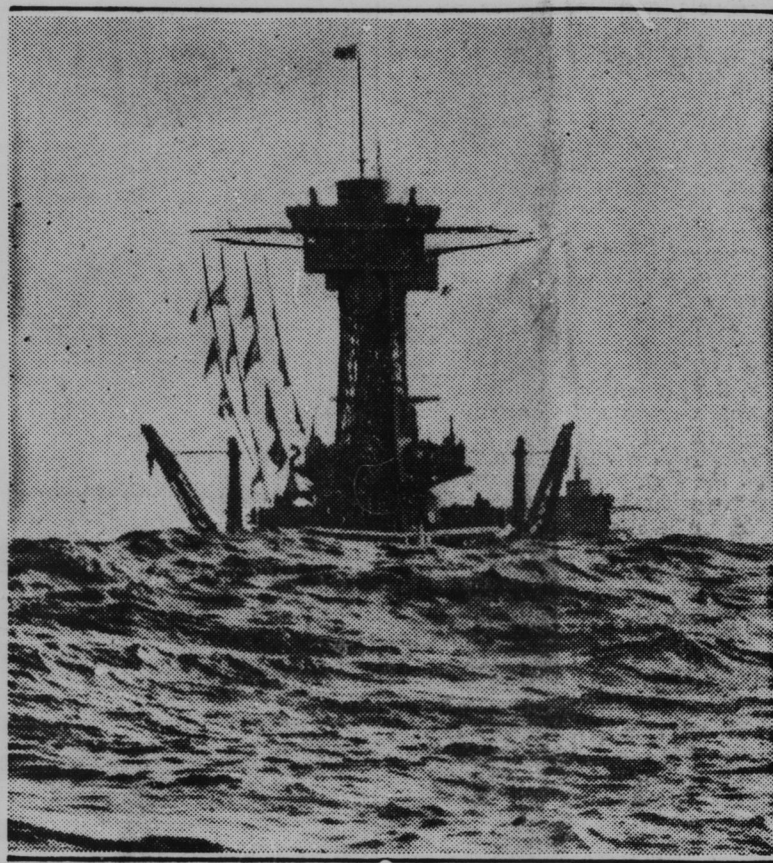
"These folks point out that it's one thing to yield to pressure from the administration and say "aye" in committee on a proposal to let the diversion permission stay in the revenue bill, but quite another when it comes to having it recorded in black and white, for all to read from now on. It is completely obvious that such a roll call can be obtained if those who have publicly committed themselves against diversion stick by their guns and call for the "ayes and noes" when the section comes up on the

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BOSS HAGUE'S SON GETS BIG JUDGESHIP

Trenton, N. J., Feb. 20.—(AP)—Frank Hague, Jr., son of the Jersey City mayor and State Democratic leader, was appointed today by Governor A. Harry Moore as a lay judge of the court of errors and appeals, New Jersey's highest law tribunal. He succeeded Thomas Glynn Walker, who resigned to become a common pleas judge of Hudson county.

Rough Going in War Games



(OFFICIAL U. S. NAVY PHOTO) One of the Sights F.D.R. Sees

One of the big battle wagons of the United States fleet is almost buried in a trough between two mighty waves during war games off Puerto Rico in test of U. S. first line of defense against attack from the east. President Roosevelt journeyed south to become chief observer.

(Central Press)

Roosevelt's Britain And Ship Now At France Seek Guantanamo Peace Plan

Cruiser Houston Arrives at Scene of Navy Maneuvers In Defense War Games

Miami, Fla., Feb. 20.—(AP)—The cruiser Houston, with President Roosevelt aboard, arrived off Guantanamo, Cuba, today as the contending "black" and "white" naval forces assumed positions for one of the most significant war games in the history of the American fleet.

The first radio message from the Houston to temporary White House headquarters here said the cruiser would visit Guantanamo Bay this morning, but the president would not go ashore.

After circling the bay off the American base, the Houston was to continue eastward while the first stage of the mimic battle to test the Panama coast defenses gets under way. The Houston was heading for an initial position with the defending "black" fleet, composed of surface and aircraft, spread out from Cuba to Venezuela in the Caribbean Sea.

No New Districts Needed, Hoey Says About New Report

Raleigh, Feb. 20.—(AP)—Governor Hoey said today he did not feel there is any necessity for this legislature to create additional superior court districts as it had enacted a law to permit continuance of special judges.

The governor said he would present to the legislature as "information" the report of the special commission on judicial districts from 21 to somewhere between 24 and 27. The commission was authorized by the 1937 legislature, and its printed report will be given to the legislature tonight.

Execution Of Kidnaper Is Delayed

Raiford, Fla., Feb. 20.—(AP)—Franklin Pierce McCall, his head shaved for the electric chair, was granted a stay of execution today until next Friday to permit an appeal to the United States Supreme Court of his conviction in the death of five-year-old James Bailey Cash, Jr., who was kidnaped and killed last May.

McCall was to have died at the

Also Desire Acceptable Way of Recognizing Franco's Regime as Legal Government in Spain

Paris, Feb. 20.—(AP)—France and Britain today sought a new approach toward peace in Spain and for recognition of Generalissimo Francisco Franco's regime as the legal Spanish Government.

Senator Leon Berrard, French emissary and Sir Robert Hoagson, British commercial agent to nationalist Spain, conferred in Burgos after talks with the nationalists had snagged on persistent nationalist demands for unconditional surrender by the republic government.

A showdown was expected Wednesday when the two plans for a further interview with General Count Gomez Jordana, Franco's foreign minister.

Lower Courts Coming In For Criticism

By CHARLES P. STEWART, Central Press Columnist

Washington, Feb. 20.—The lower Federal courts have come in for a good bit of unfavorable publicity lately. The purity of the Supreme Court's record is not questioned. It was attacked as reactionary during the administration's fight to increase its membership some months ago but even its severest critics did not say it was dishonestly reactionary; they only said it was temperamental. So. And it has been considerably made over since then. I think also that the cam-

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WEATHER

FOR NORTH CAROLINA. Partly cloudy and colder, possibly showers near the coast tonight and Tuesday and mist changing to snow flurries in the mountains tonight.

Outlook For Peace Dims Over Europe

Puts Damper on Criticism Here of Roosevelt Foreign Policy; Debate Over Fortifying Guam To Be Had in House on \$53 Million Bill.

Washington, Feb. 20.—(AP)—The \$53,800,000 naval air base bill sped forward in Congress today, new evidence of determination to bolster national defense.

Speaker Bankhead and Representative Rayburn, of Texas, the House majority leader, announced that the House would devote tomorrow and Wednesday to consideration of the legislation. They acted after the rules committee voted unanimously to ask the House to start voting after six hours of general debate.

Senator Nye, Republican, North Dakota, proposed, meanwhile, to write into law army and navy regulations against the release of military aircraft to foreign governments. Nye introduced in the Senate a bill designed to safeguard for the United States any airplane or airplane appliance built under government contract, according to government specifications or with the aid of government funds for research.

Chairman Vinson, Democrat, Georgia, of the naval committee, and Representative Maas, Republican, Minnesota, ranking Republican member

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Italy Sends 30,000 More Men To Africa

London, Feb. 20.—(AP)—An Italian decision to send "30,000 more troops" to Libya in North Africa was announced in the House of Commons today as the British government sought approval of its costly re-arming program.

R. A. Butler, under secretary for foreign affairs, said Italy had informed Lord Perth, British ambassador to Rome, she was "sending 30,000 more troops to Libya to provide for the security" of the North African territory.

Thirty thousand troops had remained in Libya after reductions in the force had been effected under the Anglo-Italian accord ratified last November.

New Demand Given Senate For Economy

Washington, Feb. 20.—(AP)—A new demand for government economy came today from Senator Adams, Democrat, Colorado as the Senate began consideration of the \$1,800,000,000 independent offices appropriations bill.

Adams asked that the Senate whittle \$4,252,000,000 from a \$4,730,000,000 I.W.A. appropriation rejected by the House, but approved by the Senate Appropriations Committee. The \$4,252,000 allocation would be used to start construction of a dam at Watts bar on the Tennessee river.

"When we were considering

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Franco To Appoint New Government To Control All Spain

Ocean's Trough



All Asea One of the most dramatic of recent sea photographs is this one showing a French destroyer seeming descending into the trough of the ocean, during recent maneuvers.

French Negotiations For Peace Between Warring Factions Is Broken Off Abruptly; Franco Demands Unconditional Surrender

Perpignan, France, Feb. 20.—(AP)—Nationalist Generalissimo Francisco Franco was said today by authoritative sources to be planning to name a new government of eight cabinet ministers under the nominal direction of his brother-in-law, Serrano Sumner, as premier.

The generalissimo, the sources said will retain his title as chief of state, and supreme commander of the army. Franco has filled most of the spots on paper, these reports declared, but the actual change may not take place before the central zone of Spain is occupied.

Sumner is presently minister of the interior and one of the outstanding leaders of the falangists (fascists). He has been working publicly in the nationalist government a little more than a year.

French negotiations with Franco for peace in Spain and for recognition of his nationalist regime have been suspended abruptly. The conversations struck a snag at the nationalist Burgos headquarters last night when Franco's delegates ruled that only unconditional surrender of republican Spain or final victory for nationalist arms could end the civil war.

The French mission had been instructed to seek a promise of leniency toward the republican side, as well as assurances that Spain would be rid of Italian and German forces as a basis of the recognition of Franco, which it hoped would bring peace.

Defense For Britain Is Speeded Up

King and Premier Confer With Key Men as War Clouds Thicken Over Europe

London, Feb. 20.—(AP)—King George VI and Prime Minister Chamberlain conferred with key defense chiefs today prior to a full dress rearmament debate in the House of Commons set against a background of increasing European tension over Spain and Italian-French differences.

The monarch received Viscount Gort, chief of the imperial general staff, who recently returned from a tour of Britain's New East defenses, and Chamberlain conferred with Admiral Sir Roger Backhouse, lord commissioner of the Admiralty and Chief of the naval staff.

Lord Chatchield was named minister for coordination of defense in a cabinet shake-up January 28.

The British government asked Parliament to approve what probably is the costliest peace time rearmament program in history, its purpose strengthened by uneasy developments in the European struggle for mastery of Spain and the Mediterranean.

A two-day debate on defense opened in the House of Commons. It promised important revelations on foreign policy, Britain's present strength or weakness and the progress of rearmament.

The resolution to increase the

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Barkley Gave Job Promise To His Helper

Washington, Feb. 20.—(AP)—A union labor contention that Senator Barkley, the Democratic leader, had made a promise of a federal judgeship to his 1938 campaign manager, was filed with the Senate Judiciary Committee today.

Despite the protest, the committee approved President Roosevelt's nomination of Shackleford Miller, Jr., to be a federal district judge in Kentucky. Miller was Barkley's manager in the State's hot Democratic primary last year.

Knowing of some of the trades that were made at the beginning of Senator Barkley's re-election campaign, Edward Weyler, secretary of the State A. F. of L. organization, wrote the committee: "We do not think this promise of a federal judgeship to Miller was very ethical." Weyler said he had a letter from Barkley stating:

"I could not in good conscience ask Mr. Miller to sacrifice nearly a year of his time in managing my campaign for re-election and then deny him any endorsement when he wanted to be appointed federal judge."

Ciano Paper Sees U. S. On Path To War

Rome, Feb. 20.—(AP)—Foreign Minister Count Galeazzo Ciano's newspaper charged today that an "imperialistic, puritan minority" of American leaders, headed by President Roosevelt, was starting the United States toward a "democratic war."

In the paper's leading editorial, it was said that "the army of American minds, even more dangerous than enormous material armaments" failed to impress Italians. "Italians do not believe," the paper asserted "that Providence has given Americans a 'blank check' on which they can write any victory they want."

COLD WAVE

"basking in a February heat wave," would be jolted out of it by tonight and tomorrow by a decidedly cold wave.

A storm area, which centered over the Rocky Mountains Saturday, had moved to the upper St. Lawrence valley today. It brought precipitation over the week-end to nearly every section of the nation.

New York City residents perspired with temperatures in the middle sixties, but awaited "rain and much colder" weather tonight.