

LIQUOR REFERENDUM BILL IS VOTED DOWN

Coast Guard Here Denied Extra Plane

Congress Also Asked More Money for Veneer Control in State; Moonshiners Declared Uncurbed By Return of Liquor in This State

Washington, Feb. 24.—(AP)—The House Appropriations Committee today rejected a Treasury Department request for \$177,000 to provide for an additional long-range plane for the coast guard air base now under construction at Elizabeth City, N. C.

The committee, in reporting the annual Treasury appropriation bill to the House, carrying money for the coast guard, said the one long-range plane already authorized for the station would be adequate. It pointed out funds were available to assure two small planes, two of intermediate type and one of the long-range character at Elizabeth City.

Rear Admiral R. R. Waesche, coast guard commander, asked the additional long range planes as a safety measure.

Veneer Scourge Growing. Meanwhile, Dr. Carl Reynolds, North Carolina State health officer, asking Congress to appropriate additional funds to stamp out "this dread monster syphilis."

Moonshiners Back at It. Also, the "same boys" who made

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Daladier Is Given Vote Upon Franco

Paris, Feb. 24.—(AP)—The Chamber of Deputies today gave Premier Daladier a vote of confidence, supporting his decision to ask the cabinet Monday to grant full recognition to the nationalist government of Spain.

The vote, which Daladier made a question of confidence, was on the government's demand that interpellations by the leftist peoples front in regard to recognizing General Fran-

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Charlotte Trip Help For Solons

Little Important Business Done, But It Broadened Minds of Easterners About Great Piedmont Section

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

Raleigh, Feb. 24.—Yesterday's sessions of the legislature, held amid the familiar surroundings of the ancient Capital in Raleigh, were less colorful but more orderly than Wednesday's sessions held in Mecklenburg county court house.

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French Colonials Ready for Action in Tunisia



On parade in Tunis is a detachment of French colonial troops in Tunisia. All French garrisons in the African colony, where many such native detachments are stationed, are reported standing by, ready for instant action against possible Italian invader.

Stiff Warning to Dictators Given by British Secretary

Told Not To Underestimate Britain's Pledge of Aid to France During War; Italian Colonial Demands Cited

London, Feb. 24.—(AP)—Great Britain has put forth one of the strongest warnings she has yet made to the dictator nations of Europe. Foreign Secretary Viscount Halifax, who has been mostly on the sidelines, while his close friend, Premier Chamberlain, dictated foreign policy, used this striking phrase in a statement to the House of Lords last night: "Halt! Major road ahead."

The statement, it was felt here, was a warning to other powers not to underestimate Chamberlain's recent pledge that in the event of war Britain would go to the defense of France.

It was interpreted also as an obvious hint to Italy that that country's thus-far undefined demands upon France for colonial territory constitute Europe's major war threat.

Lord Halifax told the upper house that Britain could make no move toward mediation "unless and until both parties desire it."

"In one sense," he said, "it is a

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East Carolina Men Protest Wage Bill

Raleigh, Feb. 24.—(AP)—Businessmen of Eastern North Carolina told a joint legislative committee today that proposed wage and hour legislation would ruin their business.

Appearing under sponsorship of the Eastern North Carolina Chamber of Commerce, merchants, filling station operators, lumbermen, sawmill operators, a bottler and a theatre operator assailed pending bills.

N. G. Bartlett, secretary of the commerce body, summed up the arguments with the statement: "Enactment of these wage and hour proposals would add to the unemployment situation in Eastern North Carolina tremendously."

The North Carolina Association of Building Owners and Operators and the State Association of Laundrymen also appeared in opposition to the measures to put a floor under wages and a ceiling to hours in interstate business, similar to the federal regulations on interstate commerce.

Bartlett presented the following: Alex Watkins, lumberman, of Henderson, who said the bill would "cripple the lumber industry"; J. L. Price Littleton merchant, who said he would be forced to reduce his personnel from 12 to six persons; M. C. McPherson, Littleton bottler, who said he would be forced out of business; W. B. Oliver, Jr., Pine Level merchant; L. E. Mitchell, Littleton sawmill operator; G. S. May, filling station operator at Littleton; W. H. Herring, Roseboro lumberman; J. W. Davenport, Whitakers lumberman, and W. C. Ormand Ayden theatre operator.

Davenport said the Federal wage-hour act had forced him to close one mill and stop any dealings in interstate commerce.

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Contrast In Labor Share Of Business

Daily Dispatch Bureau, In the Sir Walter Hotel. Raleigh, Feb. 24.—The finance committee yesterday heard two as sharply contrasting sets of figures regarding labor's share in gross receipts of two businesses as it is possible to imagine.

It heard, on the one hand, the statement of Charles W. Tillett that 64 per cent of all the receipts of the great Western Union Telegraph Company are spent for labor; while at the other end of the line it heard Representative U. S. Page read from the income tax returns of a North Carolina headache remedy company figures indicating that this concern paid to its employees about 64 per cent of its gross receipts.

Mr. Page did not name the company, but in the hearing it was clearly indicated he referred to the B-C Remedy Company of Durham, for which former Congressman Bill Umstead appeared in opposition to a proposal to levy a tax of one cent on

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WELDER IS KILLED BY ELECTROCUTION

Kings Mountain, Feb. 24.—(AP)—Murray Calhoun, 23-year-old engineer, was electrocuted late yesterday while working with an electric welding machine at a gold mine near here. His father, Henry M. Calhoun, of Kings Mountain, brought his son here shortly afterwards. Physicians worked for nearly two hours in a futile effort to resuscitate the youth.

Funeral services will be held tomorrow at West River, Md., his former home.

War Supply Bill Okayed In Committee

Would Be Used in Four Years To Buy Strategic Raw Materials; Treasury - Post Office Supply Bill of \$1,700,471,354 Before House

Washington, Feb. 24.—(AP)—The Senate Military Committee approved unanimously today a bill by Senator Thomas, Democrat, Utah, authorizing expenditure of \$100,000,000 during the next four years for the acquisition of strategic raw materials, many of which must be imported by this country.

Senator Thomas said a board, consisting of the secretaries of war, navy, interior and state, would be authorized to designate the strategic materials and would be empowered to encourage the development of substitutes for them.

An authorization for a \$500,000 expenditure during the next four years, \$350,000 by the Bureau of Mines and \$150,000 by the Geological Survey, also was included to finance the development of raw materials in this country.

Although the measure was not included in the administration's rearmament program, Thomas said it was allied closely with it.

"World conditions make this bill very, very timely," Thomas said. Similar measures are pending in the House.

The House, meanwhile, commenced work on another big annual supply bill, a \$1,700,071,354 measure to run the Treasury and Post Office Departments. Although slashed about \$28,000,000 below the budget estimates by the appropriations committee, which has been whacking at money bills since the session started, the measure still was about \$197,000,000 larger than last year.

Other developments: Senator Thomas, Democrat, Oklahoma, charged before the Senate Agriculture Committee that short sellers of cotton were pressing for release of government loan cotton in an attempt to cash in on a price decline. The outcome of a modified bill empowering President Roosevelt to plan a reorganization of the government was clouded by Republican opposition, and uncertain as to the attitude of economy advocates. Representative Taber, Republican, New York, said it would give the President too much power. Senator Eyrld, Democrat, Virginia, who argues that the administration's original program did not emphasize economy sufficiently, withheld comment.

Pope Pius Leaves Most of Property To The Holy See

Vatican City, Feb. 24.—(AP)—L'Osservatore Romano disclosed today that the late Pope Pius XI left all his possessions to the Holy See except for some personal objects which he instructed be distributed among his closest assistants.

The Vatican City newspaper said the pontiff's last testament named as his executors his two private secretaries. It said the will consisted of a few pages written in the pope's own hand. The first page was dated May 31 1937, and the last January 16, 1939.

Hungary To Smash Radical Social Group

Budapest, Hungary, Feb. 24.—(AP)—The government undertook today to smash the Hungarists, the leading national socialist party in Hungary and at the same time joined Germany, Italy and Japan in their accord against international communism.

The anti-comintern pact was signed by the foreign minister at a foreign office ceremony. The German minister, Japanese minister and Italian charge d'affaires were present.

The Hungarian Nazi party was banned as a danger to public safety, and party property was confiscated. Nationwide raids on party offices started at 6 a. m. In Budapest, 600 of the capital's force of 670 detectives took part in the raids. The party headquarters in Andrassy street were surrounded. Tons of Nazi literature

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Franklin Pierce McCall

McCall Dies As Kidnaper Florida Boy

Electrocuted in Florida State Prison Soon After Pretty Young Wife Leaves Him

Raiford, Fla., Feb. 24.—(AP)—Franklin Pierce McCall was put to death in the electric chair today for the fatal kidnaping of five-year-old James B. Cash, at Princeton, Fla., last May.

The switch was thrown at 11:08 a. m. McCall was electrocuted just four days short of nine months of the time he kidnaped the boy.

Admitting in open court that he alone stole "Skeegie," and collected \$10,000 ransom from the father, McCall insisted he did not want to harm his victim, and had smothered him accidentally.

The execution first was set for last Monday. Seventy minutes before the scheduled hour, L. P. Chapman, State Prison farm superintendent, announced a delay until today. The de-

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A. C. L. OFFICIAL MOVED

Wilmington, Feb. 24.—(AP)—H. C. Koelz, general road master of the Atlantic Coast Line railroad at Waycross, Ga., is to be transferred to other duties in Wilmington, it was announced today at the general offices of the railroad here.

Fayetteville Firm Explains Accepting Wage-Hour Ruling

New York, Feb. 24.—(AP)—Counsel for the Central Weaving and Spinning Corporation today announced it had consented to the filing of an injunction restraining it from violating the wage and hour law pending a Supreme Court test of the act. The attorney for the company said the order would be filed at Fayetteville, N. C., tomorrow. The company operates a plant employing 175 to 200 persons at Fayetteville.

Should the Supreme Court rule ultimately for the company, the attorney said the injunction automatically would be vacated.

Railroad Outlook Again Brightens Over Country

Better Times for Workers and Investors in This Industry Forecast by Babson as Business Picks Up; Optimism vs. Pessimism.

BY ROGER W. BABSON, Copyright 1939, Publishers Financial Bureau, Inc. Babson Park, Fla., Feb. 24.—One of the most interesting points in the current business picture is the steady but unpublicized, progress of the railroads. A year ago, most people thought the whole industry was headed for bankruptcy. Today, there is a lot of good news coming out about the carriers. It begins to look as though they have again weathered the storm.

I do not need to emphasize the terrific importance of this industry to every man, woman, and child in America. I can safely say that when

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House Group Opposition Unanimous

Compulsory Immunization Against Diphtheria Passed by Senate; Finance Committee Hunts \$1,500,000 More in Revenue for State

Raleigh, Feb. 24.—(AP)—The House Finance Committee this afternoon unanimously gave an unfavorable report, which usually means death, to the Withrow bill to provide a statewide referendum on prohibition.

The House group met early, before a joint finance session, and acted quickly.

The bill would have held a statewide vote May 6, and if voters express favor for prohibition, sales of beer, wine and whisky would have been banned after July 1.

Meanwhile, the Senate passed and sent to the House the Long bill to require immunization against diphtheria of all children except those of religious objectors.

The measure passed on a voice two years ago a similar proposal got Senate approval and was killed in the House. There has been no indication what its reception will be in the lower division this session.

Senators adjourned to meet early tomorrow morning, at 8:30 o'clock, then take buses to Washington for a week-end trip as guests of the city. The House will hold a "local bills" session tomorrow. Both divisions will resume regular business Monday night.

The joint sub-committee on finance worked hard trying to get revenue proposals in line which the full committee would adopt to raise about \$1,500,000 for the biennium. The tax bill falls that much below appropriations approved by a joint group.

Senators ordered enacted into law a bill designed to facilitate lease of

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Air Mail Line Across State Is Considered

Charlotte, Feb. 24.—(AP)—A group of eastern North Carolina civic leaders came here today to confer with Charlotte officials on a proposed organization of an aviation company to provide feeder mail and passenger service from Wilmington to Knoxville, Tenn., by way of Charlotte.

Among the visitors expected were Oscar Breece, president of the Fayetteville Chamber of Commerce; Major L. R. Ashe, Fayetteville banker, and that city's postmaster, W. M. Shaw, and others.

Plans for feeder lines serving Wilmington, Fayetteville, Lumberton, Charlotte, Asheville and other points east of Knoxville have been under consideration for some time, said Clarence Kuester, executive secretary of the Charlotte Chamber of Commerce.

It was understood representatives of a large aviation firm had been approached with the proposition and had shown interest.

WEATHER

FOR NORTH CAROLINA. Partly cloudy, slightly warmer in south and east central portions tonight; Saturday, mostly cloudy, colder in central and north portions.